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Adele

Please provide age and occupation:

Retired crisis negotiator

Where do you live?

Chilliwack

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

2nd gen Canadian/Russian, catholic, middle-class grandma

Tell us about yourself.

Retired, disabled, fighting cancer, freedom fighter.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer and as a protestor

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, and Anti-Covid vaccine

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

Feb. 13 -21

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

SUV

What was your role?

Participant

Did you donate food or supplies?

No

Did you come with your family?

No

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Peace, love , unity, celebration, prayer

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

No

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

All streets between parliament and highway

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Yes, blocking intersections all over downtown. They directed me downtown when I arrived and when I returned after shopping.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

Yes

If yes, were you beaten by the police? (explain, snatched, zip tied, driven away)

Baton blows, knocked to the ground, trampled. Picked off the ground and zip tied. Used like a ragdoll as 2 very large officers dragged me away and finally left for hours in the paddy wagon. I request EMS several times and was ignored by everyone.

What were the police wearing? What did they use to beat you? (rifle, stick etc.)

Black baton, riot guys in blue, arrest team in olive.

How did the government mandates affect you?

Broke up my family, I could not fly to visit my 90 yr old dad. I could not go to my gym or any of my social outlets. I was isolated.

If you supported the protest, why?

I wanted the truth to come out that the government had overreached by pushing vaccines and mandates.

Shelly Allison

Please provide your age and occupation:

60, Retired CAO of a faculty Association

Where do you live?

Coaldale, Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

I am born and raised Canadian of many generations

Tell us about yourself.

Happily married, children and grandchildren. Retired and enjoying woodworking as a hobby.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Louise Anderson

Please provide your age and occupation:

65, Retired

Where do you live?

ALBERTA

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Straight, working class

Tell us about yourself.

I'm just a Canadian mother, grandmother, wife, who used to be very proud to call myself Canadian.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Noelle Anderson

Please provide your age and occupation:

60, Cook

Where do you live?

Victoria, British Columbia

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

White Christian Straight Female

Tell us about yourself.

Love God. Love my country. Love my family. Hate what's happened to Canada under the Trudeau government.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present and provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$1-\$25

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Christine Ann

Please provide your age and occupation:

54, Self-Employed

Where do you live?

BC

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

typical Canadian of mixed heritage

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support and waved on the team passing through BC

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, enough is enough, and Freedom for all

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated by e-transfer

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates, I believe the Government went too far, and saw it as discrimination.

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Isaac Apter

Please provide your age and occupation:

37, Director of Development at Rebel News

Where do you live?

Toronto, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

I don't identify as anything other than my conscious awareness

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

January 28-30

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

My indomitable spirit

What was your role?

Protestor

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

It alternated at times between an anti-government protest and a fun-loving festival atmosphere.

Where did you walk/drive? (Street name)

Wellington, Rideau

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Near my hotel I saw one in downtown Ottawa

Susan Aris

What is your age and occupation:

69, Retired

Where do you live?

Ecuador

Tell us about yourself.

I am a 69 year old woman born in Alberta, married for 49 years, worked in Saudi Arabia so we could buy my family's small farm. Farmed, had our own instrument electrical business. I was the Reeve of the MD of Pincher Creek and brought in the first bylaws for the wind industry in Canada. It was NOT for green, it was for economic development for our farmers, 4-5k revenue a year for the footprint of a granary. I went on to chair the Canadian Wind Energy Association(CanWEA) and was a charter member of Alberta's Rural Development Initiative, which I quit in disgust over it being a "slush fund" for pet government projects. I have travelled to over 50 countries and hiked in all. I have hiked on all 7 continents. I was so proud to be a Canadian but am ashamed to be one now because of The Trudeau government's handling of the Freedom Convoy

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

I sent money directly to truckers involved thru friends.

How much did you donate?

\$500+

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe the Government went too far, and I was so grateful that the convoy was doing what I could not do directly

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Melody Auger

Please provide your age and occupation:

58, OHS

Where do you live?

Saskatchewan

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian woman. Irish/Scottish/French/German descent.

Tell us about yourself.

Worked and paid taxes since 17. Owned two business' and now own 3 houses clear of mortgages. Don't own anything I can't buy for cash. Grow and can most of our food for year-round independence.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated by e-transfer

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates, I believe the Government went too far, and I could not travel to Ottawa

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Mike B.

What is your age and occupation?

45

Where do you live?

Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Straight white Canadian

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Cyndi Baker

Please provide your age and occupation:

32, House Cleaner

Where do you live?

Kingston

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Caucasian

Tell us about yourself.

Open minded, Empathetic, Mom

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor, as an observer, provided financial support, and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns and Government overreach

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GiveSendGo

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far, I could not travel to Ottawa, and I believe in ending all the mandates

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Dale Baker

Please provide your age and occupation:

57, Tireman

Where do you live?

Fort McMurray, Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Christian, white male, hetero 2 male children, 1 grandson

Tell us about yourself.

Retired from 20+ years medically.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

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How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Elaine Barber

Please provide your name and occupation:

63, Bookkeeper and Laser Therapist

Where do you live?

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Democratic

Tell us about yourself.

Mother, grandmother, wife

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Kim Barnes

What is your age and occupation?

44, Professional

Where do you live?

Saskatchewan

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian born and raised

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support and supported without being present

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Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Kevin Barrett

Please provide your age and occupation:

52, Construction Manager

Where do you live?

Vancouver, British Columbia

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Male, religious, heterosexual, immigrant, middle class.

Tell us about yourself.

I care about family, health, and freedom.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

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Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Natasha Bastow

What is your age and occupation?

45, Environmental Services

Where do you live?

Newfoundland

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Culturally

Tell us about yourself.

I work hard. I'm married for 20 years. We have 2 young adult sons. I enjoy outdoor activities and time with my family.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Stephanie Bays

What is your age and occupation:

39, Health Professional

Where do you live?

Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Caucasian, Christian

Tell us about yourself.

Mother, wife, born and raised Canadian

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support and as a protestor

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

25-100

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

Feb 4-6

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Canadian flag-on its own no pole and a backpack with food/drinks

What was your role?

To show support, to show my kids what standing up for your beliefs looks like

Did you donate food or supplies?

No

Did you come with your family?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Abundance of freedom-loving citizens who want their voices heard. We were greeted with free food, drinks, hand warmers, earplugs, toys, and hugs. I did not witness any hate or division. If you were cold, you were welcomed into a heating tent. There were bouncy castles and dance parties. There were thousands of people, but I was never pushed or shoved. Litter was put in its place and smiles were abundant. It was the happiest I've felt in a while and my kids enjoyed themselves so much they wanted to return the next weekend. They still talk about it today with smiles on their faces.

How did the government mandates affect you?

Felt gaslit, had covid Dec 2020 before vaccines. Made to believe still needed the vaccine only after 3 months of recovery from covid. My whole family tested our antibodies for up to 1 year post-infection and the tests kept coming back positive for antibodies. Did not want to be coerced into vaccination. My husband lost his job. He had just landed his dream job after years of hard work and going back to school later in life. He submitted his antibody reports and was still denied. I could not watch my kids figure skate at our local arena even after asking if I could show the antibody report from the previous day, still denied. My 14 year old was denied a ride in a friend's car and even asked to stay outside in the cold of another student's house because she was "unvaccinated". My family and I have always trusted public health and are all up to date with our immunizations yet by not taking the covid vaccine we are simply deemed "unvaccinated". This will never be forgotten by me and my family. Our trust in public health and our government is completely gone.



Gregor Beck

What is your age and occupation:

Gregor Beck, 70, Retired

Where do you live?

Rouleau, Sask

Tell us about yourself.

Concerned Citizen

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Laurie Bell

Please provide your age and occupation:

70, Retired

Where do you live?

Alberton, P.E.I.

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Normal Canadian.

Tell us about yourself.

Worked for everything I have and do not appreciate an Asshole like Trudeau ruining the Country.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, and Anti-Covid vaccine

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Joanne Bellamy

Please provide your age and occupation:

50, Unemployed

Where do you live?

Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Single white female.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Katherine Bemben

1. My name is Katherine Bemben. I am a public servant who has resided in various locations of downtown Ottawa (Centretown) over the past 20 years.
2. I have to say that for all of my years of living in downtown Ottawa, the Truckers' Freedom Convoy in January-February 2022 was the most inspiring, dynamic, creative, collaborative, & peaceful event re-grouping such a significantly large & diverse group of people that I have ever witnessed in my beloved city. The only events that even come close are perhaps Canada Day festivities or when the Ottawa Senators hockey team made the playoffs, though these latter two examples often involved a lot of alcohol-fueled merriment.
3. By contrast, the Freedom Convoy, which I had the opportunity to visit nearly daily during its presence downtown, was in my experience, a true "love-fest" fueled by heart-centered connections and peaceful activities gathering citizens from all walks of life and from a range of diverse backgrounds and regions of Canada. Overall, I witnessed happy & open people who talked freely and connected easily with one another – strangers became fast friends in such a safe & heart-centered environment. I was fully comfortable visiting the Convoy on my own, as I knew that everyone looked out for one another & took care of one other. There was music, dancing, informative presentations, sharing food, bouncy castles & other activities for families & children, homeless people being warmly invited to share food & conversation, and make-shift hockey games between truckers representing the East & West of the country, among other activities.
4. Many pedestrians including myself took the time to talk with & hear the diverse stories and backgrounds of the truckers participating in the Convoy, these amazing souls had the courage to risk it all in sub-zero temperatures to convene from all parts of Canada, in order to stand up and make their presence known in front of our Parliament. These interactions were invariably open, caring, supportive, informative, & inspiring. On many occasions, I thanked the truckers for "putting it all on the line" to fight for our rights & freedoms, and they thanked me for showing my support & solidarity of them – there was a great sense of unity, solidarity, and love for our country amongst us all. On one evening during which I was feeling especially concerned about our loss of rights & freedoms, I remember talking to a trucker who came out of his vehicle to give me a big hug & words of encouragement as I began to shed tears. On my way back home, I talked to a few other truckers, who offered loving words of support & I echoed these back to them, with heartfelt thanks for their willingness to be present in freezing temperatures even overnight, in order to represent us all.
5. I recall myself feeling my hope waning just before the Freedom Convoy, feeling a sense of despair at how Canadians' essential & constitutional rights & freedoms were being blatantly infringed upon in the name of public health, including the loss of citizens' rights to freedom of choice & bodily autonomy. To me, the Truckers' Freedom Convoy was a sign of hope that there were people from across the country who had the same concerns as myself – who were afraid of the direction that our country was taking, and who felt so strongly about it that they were willing to "lay it all on the line"

in order to make their concerns known & to hopefully address their concerns directly with Ottawa politicians & decision-makers, which unfortunately never happened.

6. The only time that I felt unsafe during the Convoy was near the end of it, when the police decided to “crack down” and created a very tense and frightening situation for protesters who were overwhelmingly peaceful & good-hearted, threatening many of them with arrest. This was heart-breaking & difficult for me to witness (for example, I saw some police officers break into a truck at the corner of Rideau & Sussex streets, removing the peaceful trucker from his vehicle & putting handcuffs on him. The trucker addressed the crowd during this event, saying how we need to continue to fight for our rights & freedoms and to protect our children for future generations), provoking many tears, as it felt totally unwarranted from all of the beautiful & loving things that I had experienced during the major part of the Convoy.
7. I hope and pray that the full truth of what the Truckers’ Freedom Convoy truly represented and how it really was for those who participated in it whole-heartedly, will finally come to light for the general public to witness.
8. May God bless and protect our country and may the rights & freedoms of all Canadian citizens be restored moving forward, the importance of which the brave, principled, & heart-centered truckers highlighted for all to see, including around the world – a momentous & proud moment in our collective history.

Chris Bemister

What is your occupation:

Registered Nurse

Where do you live?

Ross River, Yukon

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Hard working heterosexual

Tell us about yourself.

Use to be an RN. Couldn't work if I wanted too. Not vaxed.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support, as an observer, and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Shelby Bendall

Please provide your name and occupation:

Small Business Owner

Where do you live?

Southwold, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

European decent, non-religious, single straight mama.

Tell us about yourself.

I'm a hard-working single mom to one amazing 15-year-old daughter. Free thinker, outdoorsy

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated by e-transfer

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Cheryl Benson

Please provide your age and occupation:

Retired

Where do you live?

Toronto, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Tell us about yourself.

Small business owner for 20 years, vegetarian, gardener, volunteer

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer and provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GiveSendGo

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates, I believe the Government went too far, and I could not travel to Ottawa

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Gay Berg

Please provide your age and occupation:

65, Retired

Where do you live?

Fort Nelson, BC

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Catholic Canadian grandmother.

Tell us about yourself.

I want justice for Canadians

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Jesse Berger

What is your age and occupation?

38, Self-employed author and consultant

Where do you live?

Toronto, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Sexual orientation, race, and religion are irrelevant. The Canadian identity is welcoming and respectful to all.

Tell us about yourself.

Toronto born and raised. Worked on Bay Street in finance and consulting for over a decade. I have a masters degree. Self-published a book in 2020. I value my privacy and autonomy.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, donated bitcoin (the only funds the Truckers actually received)

How much did you donate?

\$500+

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates, I believe the Government went too far, and The Truckers represented the very best of what it means to be Canadian

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Linda Bergonge

What is your age and occupation:

51, former nurse clinician

Where do you live?

Ste Agathe des Monts, Quebec

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

French Canadian, non-practicing Catholic, university degree in nursing, married with one child

Tell us about yourself.

I am for equality, democratization, justice... for common sense in general, especially for humanity and benevolence

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor and provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough. It is shameful to see our government using excessive laws against its people... instead of protecting it... It endangers the population with experimental products... the government has lost the North... No retreat so as not to harm... Justice must bring him back to order! Lobbies and \$\$\$ must not dominate our democracy and humanity!

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through go fund me

How much did you donate?

25-100

Why did you donate?

I believe the government went too far and to support the truckers who gave us hope to get out of this health nightmare. The money was to offer them a coffee, a meal... It was not much, but it was heartily! This is not normal what we have experienced. Politics must never again have such power over the lives of Canadians... We will be part of history and the government will not be on the right side. Let's be honest, politics has been scientistic... That's not science!

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

I don't remember the exact dates, I went 2 times. The 1st day, it was very cold and it was the day that there were the most people. We arrived around noon and left after dinner. It was beautiful! Despite the cold, I have never seen so much human warmth. People were cheerful, smiling, the city center looked like a family gathering... Everyone was chatting with everyone. Some were dancing, others were listening to

speakers, there were games for children.... and all had a common goal... Peacefully protest to say: We are here for each other. We must be heard and have someone come and tell us: We understand, we see you, we hear you... We are ready to listen to you.... Unfortunately, our 1st Minister was hidden with covid, according to his media. No one to replace him, take over to discuss... What a sad democracy... knowing that the government represents the people... Is that not why they are elected? And the other day I went back to Ottawa was the following weekend, I was with my spouse like the 1st time... But we were not able to park, because there were several streets blocked by the police. We went around in circles a bit and left. We were disappointed, we would have liked to go and support all these beautiful people, but we were with them at heart!

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Our good mood, our heart, our hope!

What was your role?

A Canadian citizen disappointed in my country, in our leaders who make discriminatory, shameful decisions... My role was to go and demonstrate peacefully by supporting the truckers with a small coffee, but to see them thank us for being there.... It's up to us to say THANK YOU!! All over the world, people admired them and here our media portrayed them with false information... What a shame!

Did you donate food or supplies?

Unfortunately, no! I hadn't thought of bringing any... but we gave a \$20 to a trucker for a coffee and sandwich! Let's hope that everyone has done their part, a little! Every little bit counts! They themselves fed the homeless... Human misery is everywhere... We have a lot of money to fight wars, but to help our loved ones... Silence, we see very few people! Do we really want that kind of society? Each in his own comfort at the expense of our communities... of every man for himself... We cry in the media that the quiet rights of people in Ottawa's neighbourhoods have been violated... It's very sad to get to this point to be heard, but the rights of the unvaccinated, to no longer be able to travel, work... Doesn't they matter? Oh come on! The people of Ottawa hear music, fireworks, noise on Canada Day... No one says anything about their rights to tranquility... and who dares to stand up for the rights of the unvaccinated... Let's be fair, because here the ridicule appears like the elephant in the room!

Were you ever threatened by social services to have your children removed?

No, I wish my 16-year-old son had been there with his girlfriend so that they can be part of history and be on the safe side... because one day, they will understand that what we experienced in Canada was not normal... We have to be a role model for our children... Explain to them that we must not accept what is unacceptable. We cannot tell children, we will vaccinate you with experimental products without knowing the long-term effects! Where are we going? Justice, society has lost its mind! Fortunately, there are still good people enforcing the laws, but seriously, it's not the majority.... Fortunately,

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

A united, joyful people... a lot of heart, Canadian flags, a lot of doggies, messages of hope, denunciations, on the fence in front of Parliament... There were more positives than negatives!

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

The 1st time, there were police cars blocking several streets near the parliament... The 2nd time, there were many more policemen, from everywhere... motorway exits of dams... It was excessive the 2nd time.

How did the government mandates affect you?

We were not able to travel because we were not vaccinated. Our son no longer plays hockey despite having a good level and in full development, he could no longer go play in the United States... A lot of investments, efforts, sacrifices on his part that went into the void with his passion. They destroyed a generation. He had to go on a trip to New York in secondary 3 and everything was canceled... for a cold as our 1st Minister of Quebec says and that despite 3 doses of gene therapy our 1st Minister of Canada catches it anyway. Today, the companies announce that transmission tests never took place... And they made such decisions, without ever questioning themselves... They destroyed a lot of children's dreams. At some point in their madness, we couldn't accompany our 14-year-old to the emergency room if not vaccinated... I blame them for all their false science and that in addition, it continues! Masks that do more harm than good... they forgot the: Do no harm! This is abuse on the part of the government, especially since there is a study by a Quebec doctor who says that teenagers have increasing suicidal thoughts.... It's awful, what are our governments waiting for?? The list goes on, which is why we need a public debate! It seems that there is no one better than the other to say: Maybe we should re-evaluate our decisions... Well no, we're sinking... Nothing makes sense and we continue! And our elders... When you have exceeded life expectancy and instead of having only happiness for the bonus that life gives you... Well, no, their rights and freedoms are being cut off... They are prevented from seeing their loved ones... No right to go see your family, no right to take the train, the plane, the boat.... On the other hand, our 1st minister walks around the world, without restrictions, contaminates everyone potentially because he caught it and came back from a trip, despite his triple doses... Why him and not us... We are not all equal? We do not all have the same rights? Hypocrisy is at its height! That's enough! The aberrations are shameful... quickly that Justice with a capital J rises standing and regains respect!

If you supported the protest, why?

In short, for our rights and freedoms! For my children and your children, for humanity, for justice, peace, equality... It is the basis of our democracy, for the value of the human being... Are we really heading towards a dictatorship? The question may be taboo for many, but honestly, I need someone to explain to me why, the Nuremberg Code and our rights and freedoms are violated without our consent... Let's see, who will defend the last person left against these dictators...? I think it's legitimate to at least ask the question and not to ridicule with conspiracy theorist clichés. When the government pays for UNESCO studies on who the conspiracy theorists are... It's just to silence those who don't have the discourse of the media and the government. The most important thing is to let people speak freely in order to discuss. When you ridicule, it's because you have no arguments, no facts... It's shabby to be at this point! Everyone can make a difference, because at the end of the day... Everyone wants to live with what is invisible... Love, friendship, kindness, freedom, equality, respect... Name them! That's why I was in Ottawa like most people, I'm sure!

Giovanna Blas

What is your age and occupation:

51, Small Business Owner

Where do you live?

Woodbridge, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

I'm a Canadian of Italian origins, married to Canadian of Slovenia origins, straight, God trusting, and loving Canadian proud patriot

Tell us about yourself.

Married to a wonderful hard-working man, Mother of 3 - 19 yrs, 14 yrs, and 13 yr old. Help take care of my elderly mom and disabled older sister. Love my neighbors, we work like a family in our neighborhood. I believe in freedom of choice, speech, and truth. Loved growing up in Canada during the 70's and 80's. Unfortunately, I'm not recognizing this any longer

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor. I provided financial support but then GoFundMe returned the funds. I believe it was \$400. I wanted to then send money again but the whole bank account seizing started.

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, Enough is enough, and I was starting to feel really depressed and alone and I needed to see for myself. It brought me back to my childhood, my Canada that I knew still existed

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

100-500

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates, I believe the Government went too far, and I believed in the cause. I believed in what the convoy was trying to portray

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

February 6th, 2022, for the day

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Canadian flags and 2 of our 3 children

What was your role?

Observer

Did you donate food or supplies?

I did reach out to one of the organizers but was advised that they had so many donations it wasn't necessary at that time

Did you come with your family?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Happy, dancing, flag waving citizens enjoying their day. I saw Canadians of every background and Cree, Quebec and Ontarians hugging and talking. People giving out free food. Sidewalks being cleared and statues, like Terry fox being guarded. We were able to thank veterans at the Tomb of the unknown soldier. I saw unity and felt love and my cup was starting to fillback up again. I started to believe again.

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

No, some restaurants were very accommodating

Where did you walk/drive? (Street name)

All around parliament, not sure of the names of the streets. Just followed the crowd

How did the government mandates affect you?

We couldn't travel, request an alternative method of treatment when my husband was in the hospital. Our natural immunity was not acceptable. (We were a part of a study with Gencov) I have all that information if you need it. My children had to wear masks, take tests every day to go to school and were unable to join and clubs that required the covid immunization. No restaurants, sporting events, outings. We were treated like leopards

If you supported the protest, why?

For all the reasons I mentioned in question 28. As well as I didn't believe that the Canadian government federal and provincial were acting justified in handling their response. Fear tactics and no room for other discussions with other doctors, etc. that were willing to help. The mandates were ridiculous. But most of all was how our PM Justin Trudeau spoke of the unvaccinated and how he divided this country and fed on people's fear.it was a disgusting display. I also joined because I didn't want my children to grow up in a country that was lost, that wasn't The truth north, strong and free. I am fed up with no accountability when it comes to the people who serve the citizens. They are never punished for their actions



Kyle Vincent Boisselle

1. I am 52 years old. I am from Toronto, and I am an entrepreneur.
2. I have been acting as a protester/police communicator in Toronto since August 2020. I decided on February 3rd, 2022, to go to Ottawa to help keep the peace at the Freedom Convoy. It was common for me to approach the superior officer or constables at protests to relay information between the groups as well as advocate for the police and create dialogue when possible.
3. On the afternoon of Friday, February 18th, 2022, I was walking East on Wellington Street toward Sussex Drive when I saw large numbers of police and protesters gathered directly in front of Chateau Laurier.
4. At first glance, there appeared to be "military-looking" armored vehicles, soldiers and weapons, and riot police facing off against the protesters. As I got closer, I realized it was a mixed group of heavily armed OPS and RCMP tactical teams, Quebec riot police and mixed police officers from across Canada.
5. As usual, I entered the space between the protesters and police, began speaking to both sides and instructed the protesters not to retaliate if they were pushed or hit. Moments later, the Quebec Riot police began pushing the crowd, so I attempted to shield a handful of peaceful protesters, exposing my back to the police.
6. I was struck in the back of the head and found myself face down on the ground, the object of a tug-of-war between protesters and police. When the police grabbed my neck, I went limp, stopped struggling and was dragged through the police line on my stomach. When I tried to stand up, I was rifle butted in the temple once, twice in the back, kneed multiple times in the ribs, and boot stomped until I put my hands behind my back and then zip-tied while my face was smashed into the ground. I was quickly lifted by tactical officers, handed to two Toronto Police officers and escorted down the exit ramp leading to the Westin hotel. A line began forming behind me, and the others were arrested first.
7. They emptied my pockets into an evidence bag and took photographs of my identification. The TPS and RCMP officers who took custody of me expressed their disapproval of what just happened, with the RCMP officer claiming they were threatened with treason if they disobeyed orders.
8. I expressed my sadness and disappointment at having advocated for police over the last two years and now being beaten by them. The TPS officer replaced the zip ties from my wrists with metal cuffs as they were cutting into my skin. He asked if I wanted to keep the zip ties as a souvenir. I said yes, so he stuffed them into my side pocket. After the line stopped growing, a few of us were taken across the street, our cuffs removed, and we were advised to leave the city. I didn't follow their advice.

9. After the convoy, I met two people who were witnesses to my assault. My injuries included cuts and bruising to the side of my face from the rifle butt, two broken ribs, a bloody nose, and mild frostbite. I must admit I was ashamed of my naivety, which I felt might have resulted in others being beaten.
10. After taking four days to recover, I returned to where the convoy had been, but everything was gone. With everything we had been through since March 2020, the convoy being smashed and my injuries caused me to have suicidal ideations for a short period afterward until I met some people who helped me through it.

Deena Boklaschuk

Please provide your age and occupation:

39, Agricultural Account Manager

Where do you live?

Manitoba

Tell us about yourself.

I'm a 39-year-old single, family oriented, professional woman. I am a community volunteer; I believe in law and order.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor and provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Donated by providing cash & fuel directly to truckers

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

Feb 2-11 daily for approx. 12 hours

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Myself, cash and a few Canadian flags

What was your role?

I couldn't reconcile what the news and gov was saying with the live streams and snapchats I was getting. I wanted to go and see with my own eyes and share the truth with others

Did you donate food or supplies?

Yes

Did you come with your family?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

The entire time I was there I didn't see any hateful or violent acts. Absolutely it was loud, but everyone was hugging and smiling, dancing and generally having a good time. People were reminding each other to remain peaceful no matter what as there were antagonists. I was amazed everyone really seemed to understand that spreading love was the only way. It made me so proud to be Canadian again.

Where did you walk/drive? (Street name)

I walked the red zone and various other streets to see it all with my own eyes.

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

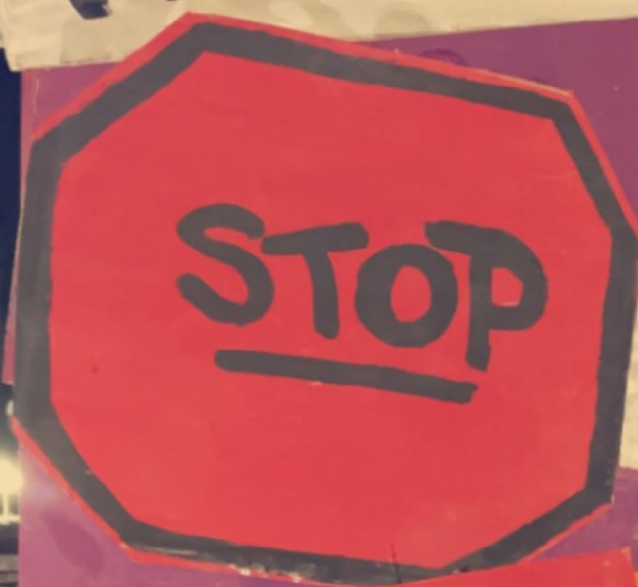
Yes, there were a bunch set up to prevent traffic from moving. Seemed counterproductive to the flow of regular traffic.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

No

HEY Mr

TRUDEAU



Spreading

FEAR & HATE

We Will Not Tolerate

RACISM

in this
Country



Justin Bonte

1. My name is Justin Bonte, and I am from Owen Sound, Ontario. I am a Registered Practical Nurse of nearly ten years, working six years in inpatient behavioural psychiatry and then two years working through a nursing agency at Long Term Care facilities around Ontario.
2. I was among the first in Ontario to be vaccinated under the impression it would help my vulnerable community. In December 2021, I worked on a contract for food and accommodation in Northern Ontario when Doug Ford announced the booster would now be mandated in long-term care, effective January 28. I decided to stick to my convictions and refuse the booster. I knew I was about three weeks away from losing my job and losing faith in my career. At this point, I heard about the trucker's convoy, trucking across the country for as I saw it - the patient's rights.
3. As I was about to lose my ability to work and, thereby, accommodations as offered in my contract, I decided to move to Ottawa to stand against monumental injustice. I would wake in the morning and spend every single day at the protest. There was nowhere I would have rather been over the time of the protest because, for the first time in a long time, I felt hope for myself and Canada.
4. It was Friday, February 18, and I made my way down to the protest as usual, but there was a markedly different tone. Apparently, truckers had been arrested overnight, and there were whispers the police were ready to kettle protestors. I had gotten word the police had formed two lines, one on Sussex and one on Rideau, trapping protestors. I went to the front lines on Sussex, where the veterans had been planning to stand off in locked arms against the police if they were to escalate and found a line already forming. I held the line with fellow protestors on Sussex until I was eventually pulled through the line on the ramp off Sussex.
5. I was arrested by RCMP, accompanied by an Ottawa police officer. I was held in the processing line for multiple hours, where they read me my rights and asked me to sign an agreement to leave Ottawa and not return (which I refused). They pressed for a while, then put me in a paddy wagon with four other individuals. Consequently, I was brought to 3100 Conroy Road – the vehicle impound for Ottawa Public Works. The facility we were brought to had no telephone or warming area access. The only facility we had access to was a single porta-potty. The releasing officer told us we were on a bus route and could also get back via taxi –which wasn't an option as we didn't have money or a mask to enter public areas. Luckily, one of us that was released had their phone to call a friend to come to get them up, to which they agreed to drive the group of us back. I was highly concerned for my safety and that any other protester may be in the same situation. I was lucky enough to have befriended fellow detainees. I had transportation, but it is easily conceivable others put in the same position would be at high risk of cold exposure and injury. In my personal experience, outside of the frontline police brutalizing protesters, my arresting and releasing officers were respectful and considerate.

6. I was not violent, and I was not threatening. I was reciting our constitutional rights in the line of police while they roughed up protestors. I was told I had the right to remain silent as what I can say can be used against me in court, so I taught the police in line "Neil DeGrasse Tyson's - The Most Astounding Fact" while waiting. This may be irrelevant, but it's a derivation of Carl Sagan's "Star stuff" talk – explaining how we are all different but inherently the same. Every atom in every cell of our body was formed in the heart of stars billions of years ago. I was trying to humanize ourselves by pointing out we might have different political opinions, but we're all a part of this same miracle.

Robin William Boostrom

What is your age and occupation:

Private Investigator

Where do you live?

Kelowna, British Columbia

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian Métis Gay

Tell us about yourself.

36-year-old male, liver transplant recipient 2007, married 15 years to a two-spirited indigenous person

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor

Provided financial support

Yes, as an observer

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I wanted to give support to those with a platform to spread the message of peace love and unity

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

February 5, 6, 7, 8, 2022 morning and night

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

A suitcase of clothes, food, and my medication

What was your role?

Financial support online and walking throughout the protest. Giving money to the homeless and interacting with fellow Canadians in a positive and unifying light

Did you donate food or supplies?

No

Did you come with your family?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

I have never felt more love and unity in my life. I felt more Canadian than I ever had before. I met Canadians from across the country and we were united in our love of freedom country and culture.

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

Rideau and all surrounding streets where the convoy was established

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

I saw police blockades at the bridge into Quebec

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

No

How did the government mandates affect you?

Unable to do my job legally and it caused me to question the ethics of my healthcare providers

If you supported the protest, why?

I love Canada and freedom and I believe vaccines and masks should be a choice not contingent on having a job or visiting family

Denee Bosco

Please provide your age and occupation:

40, Consultant, Business Owner

Where do you live?

British Columbia

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian woman

Tell us about yourself.

Pretty regular person, I employ many people and do consulting for large companies

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

Government overreach and End mandates/End lockdowns

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Sonja Bosman

1. There have been a lot of families who had to sacrifice a lot due to these lockdowns. We all have our stories and I am sharing mine.
2. I have 3 children under 11. We had decided to sign 2 of them up for hockey. Well, we it turned out we as parents could not enter the arena. My 6-year-old and 9-year-old has to enter a strange arena all by themselves. Thankfully our 11-year-old daughter is responsible and took them in. We had to leave our 2 children in the hands of a 11-year-old with sharp skates on.
3. The first day that I dropped them off, I cried. Thoughts that something could happen, but I can't be reached entered my mind. It's so irresponsible for the arena to even allow that to happen. Halfway through the season we just walked in and thankfully those individuals didn't even ask for our papers. I could have hugged them.
4. Here is the more challenging part that affected me as a mother. My 6-year-old had 2 interrupted years of kindergarten. The first year was half the year and the rest was pretty much online. Not sure how they expect for any 5-year-old to learn anything that way. Fast forward to the end of his 5th year and all the sudden he developed a detrimental fear of germs. He didn't get that from us. We do not over wash our hands or sanitize. We believe that dirt is good for our immune system and over sanitizing is hurtful. But he saw it happening at school. Masking up. Not touching anyone. Staying distant from everyone. How can a 5-year-old deal with that? So, after I gave him a hug, he went to the bathroom and cleaned his body. I cried and cried. My 5-year-old has lost it. I tried to talk to him in a way so he can understand it. Eventually I took him to a therapist as I needed help to help him. Thankfully he didn't stop playing in the dirt but some germs just made him very uncomfortable. As school went back to in-person, all those things disappeared. Why? Because kids need to be with kids. Kids need to socialize and not be forced to stay with their own peers. That messes with their mind and soul! I will not mask my children again. That is emotional abuse.
5. Why did I support the truckers? Because they stood up for us. They protested in a lawful manner despite what others said. They made me feel like there are still people in this world that care for freedom and for truth and for my children. They gave me hope when the government took it away.

Pierre Boucher

Please provide your occupation:

Business Owner

Where do you live?

Ottawa, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Religiously

Tell us about yourself.

Francophone business owner and devoted follower of God

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

Most days

What did you bring?

Hope for freedom

What was your role?

Canadian citizen

Did you donate food or supplies?

Yes

Did you come with your family?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Peace and love

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Yes, streets blocked

How did the government mandates affect you?

Mental health, affect my kids and losing confidence in our government. Too much destruction and division by our prime minister

New Brunswick, Canada

BEFORE: "I WALKED EVERYDAY AFTER WORK AND LOVED TO DO THE TRAILS ON THE WEEKENDS."

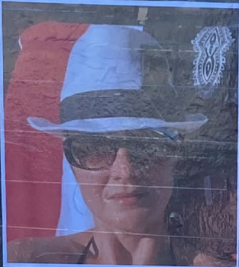
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"I HAVE NO DIAGNOSIS AND RECEIVED NO

POSSIBLE EXPLANATION AS TO WHAT IS HAPPENING TO ME."

"I WISH PEOPLE KNEW OF THE POTENTIALLY LIFE-THREATENING AND DAMAGING CONSEQUENCES OF THIS VACCINE. THESE CONSEQUENCES ARE NOT RARE LIKE THEY'VE LED US TO BELIEVE."

Saskatchewan, Canada



Leigh-Ann Dale

First Dose of Pfizer on 05/03/21 LUGBY 4825
43 Years
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

AFTER: "THEY FOUND A 2.5 FOOT LONG DVT (BLOOD CLOT) IN MY LEFT LEG"

"THEY FOUND PULMONARY

EMBOLISMS WHICH STOPPED THE SURGERY TO REMOVE THE CLOT"

"I AM NOW ON BLOOD THINNERS FOR LIFE"

BEFORE: "I WAS A NORMAL MOTHER OF 2 TEEN BOYS. I OWN 2 BUSINESSES: AN ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING COMPANY AND A SMALL COOKIE BUSINESS"

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"I WISH PEOPLE HAD TRUE, INFORMED CONSENT"

"NOT ONE OF THE DOCTORS TREATING ME IN HOSPITAL REPORTED MY INJURY"

"I AM IN WORSE SHAPE NOW THAN I WAS WHEN IT ALL BEGAN. MY BODY IS CONSTANTLY ATTACKING ITSELF"

"MASSIVE SOFT TISSUE INFECTION IN MY ARM, ARMPIT, BREAST AND SIDE"
"KIDNEY ISSUES"



Taylor Devereaux

First Dose of Pfizer on 09/10/21
ONTARIO, Canada

AFTER: "AT THE PHARMACY I FELT EXTREME DIZZINESS"

"I HAD AN EXTREMELY PAINFUL SORE ARM"

"5 DAYS AFTER MY VACCINE, I

EXPERIENCED SUDDEN CHEST PAINS. I WOULD RATE THE PAIN A 10 OUT OF 10"

"AT BRAM WILLIAM C HOSPITAL A SUNNYBROOK RESPONSE I HAD BEEN GIVEN IS CHEST PAINS ARE ALL COMING FROM ANXIETY ATTACKS AND NOT AT ALL RELATED TO MY VACCINE PFIZER DOSAGE 1."



Sean Bourassa

What is your age and occupation?

50, Operator

Where do you live?

Saskatchewan

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian

Tell us about yourself.

Social libertarian

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Stephane Boutin

Please provide your age and occupation:

42, Laboratory Technician

Where do you live?

Quebec

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

White man, French Canadian.

Tell us about yourself.

I have 1 daughter, owner of a house that I share with my girlfriend and her son and daughter. Both working for GSK (flu vaccine) since 2005. Covid-19 unvaxxed. Not antivax.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor and provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far and I believe in ending all the mandates

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

2022/01/29, all day

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Food, winter clothes, Canadian flag

What was your role?

Support the truckers

Did you donate food or supplies?

No

Did you come with your family?

No

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

I've seen peaceful people, respect everywhere, Canadians waving Canadian flags proudly, people offering food and coffee for free, people cleaning streets and sidewalks, humanity, unity, inclusion... The best human can be.

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

No. Used one at Rideau Center

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

Almost every streets from Wellington to Somerset

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

No

How did the government mandates affect you?

Can't travel

If you supported the protest, why?

Because I thought it was important to show government members that we did not agree with the way they were managing the pandemic. The more people in the streets, the stronger the message.

Grant Brown

Please provide your age and occupation:

65, Retired Philosopher

Where do you live?

Edmonton, Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

citizen of the world, Neo-Darwinist

Tell us about yourself.

A common labourer with a DPhil

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough. Tired of the demonization

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Monica Bruns

Please provide your age and occupation:

59, Designated Paralegal

Where do you live?

Okanagan, British Columbia

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

White, Christian woman, middle-class

Tell us about yourself.

Passionate about people, law-abiding individual, hunter, lover of all animals, believe in the freedoms Canada had for all ethnic groups (including homegrown Canadians).

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

Government overreach

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GiveSendGo

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Judy Buchanan

Please provide your age and occupation:

65, Farmer

Where do you live?

Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

I am a fifth-generation middle class, classic Canadian.

Tell us about yourself.

I believe in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and grew up respecting them.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

Enough is enough, End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, and Anti-Covid vaccine

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Sandra Buehlmann

What is your age and occupation:

41

Where do you live?

Aylmer, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian

Tell us about yourself.

I'm a mom who refuses to get the vaccine

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Robin Burbank

Please provide your age and occupation:

59, Bus Operator

Where do you live?

Fort Macleod, Alberta

Tell us about yourself.

I'm a wife, mother, and grandma. I grew up in a city but moved to a farm when I got married. We raise hay and have a flock of sheep. I'm a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and my faith is one of the most important things in my life. I'm a conservative and am concerned with the state of politics in our country right now, but I am optimistic that we can get on the right path once again. I grow a large garden and try to be as self-sufficient as I can. I enjoy cooking, and handicrafts. I love Christmas and most holidays. I love the different seasons we have.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

How much did you donate?

\$1-\$25

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Shaun Cadden

Please provide your age:

55

Where do you live?

Nova Scotia

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Family

Tell us about yourself.

Proud Canadian

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Linda Campbell

What is your age and occupation:

62, Retired Welder/Millwright

Where do you live?

Rural Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Non-religious used to be middle-class, heterosexual

Tell us about yourself.

I retired at a young age after winning a human rights case. I was born in Canada and because of my father's employment raised in the states. I came back to Canada at 17

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

How much did you donate?

Food and Gas

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far and I believe in ending all the mandates

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

February 19 to 21

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Water, clothes, extra warm clothes like boots, mitts.

What was your role?

Support

Did you donate food or supplies?

Yes

Did you come with your family?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

There was an amazing sense of camaraderie, joy, love and togetherness

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

Parked outside of downtown at my daughter's house and walked in the downtown core

Did you see police blockades?

Yes. Walls of police and barricades

If yes, were you beaten by the police? (explain, snatched, zipped tied, driven away)

I was sprayed and hit with what I believe was a rubber bullet on the 21st

What were the police wearing? What did they use to beat you? (rifle, stick etc.)

They were in riot gear

How did the government mandates affect you?

I have emptied two bank accounts supporting my children during this. I will probably have to go out of retirement back to work. I have had to homeschool and babysit four of my grandkids

If you supported the protest, why?

Because Canada does not look like Canada anymore



Beth Carman

Please provide your age and occupation:

69, Self Employed

Where do you live?

Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Lapsed catholic middle-class female white.

Tell us about yourself.

Love my hubby, kids, animals, books and gardening. Dislike government taking money out of my pocket for stupid shit!!

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

Government overreach, End mandates/End lockdowns, Enough is enough, and Anti-Covid vaccine

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far and I believe in ending all the mandates

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Abigail Carper

1. I live in Ontario as a permanent resident and an American citizen. My family, parents, brother, sister-in-law and nephew all reside back in Pennsylvania and we are all unvaccinated. My family used to come visit me multiple times a year and now they can't come at all due to the vaccine mandates and ArriveCan requirement.
2. I have been making the long drive home as often as I can since Covid happened but my daughter is now in school so I only have two and half months out of the year to make trips. This year I have only seen them for three weeks broken into two trips so my husband could come with us and when I returned to Canada. I was required to spend two weeks per trip stuck inside my house during the nicest months of the year. My depression has gotten worse, I feel like I'm hated in a country I was so excited to raise my family in and I'm constantly terrified to return to Canada despite knowing I have every right being a permanent resident and my daughter a citizen.
3. When I go back to the US it is so simple, they ask for the usual papers, where I live, where I'm going and why, for how long and if I have anything to declare. I've traveled to and from since the fall of 2020 and it's always been very simple. I've never needed a test, never needed an app, never needed to quarantine or even been asked about symptoms.
4. I am desperately wanting these border mandates to end. I miss my family, my daughter who is 5 misses her family and doesn't understand why they can't visit us. My family misses us and my nephew also has no understanding as to why we can't visit more or why he can't visit us desperately misses us. I'm currently in quarantine and I hate that summer is almost over and a whole month, staying locked away in my house is not good for my mental health. We all just want it to end.
5. My family and I have been in full support of the freedom convoy since the start and seeing them drive through my town and how many people stood out in the negative temps gave me so much pride for this country.
6. Thank you to the truckers and the protesters so much for everything you've all been doing.

Kirstin Chase

What is your age and occupation?

53, non-practising RN, BSN, self-employed

Where do you live?

British Columbia

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Middle class, single, lightworker

Tell us about yourself.

Too smart for my own good, hardworking, dedicated, loyal, freethinker

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

I took part in simultaneous Freedom Convoys in my area

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

I donated my knowledge and experience via online work and attended local Freedom Convoy activities

How much did you donate?

priceless time and knowledge was donated by me

Why did you donate?

Because the WEF has infiltrated our Canadian cabinet of government representatives

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Sarah Chevrier

Please provide your age:

42

Where do you live?

Grimsby

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Métis

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Crystal Clarke

What is your age and occupation?

45, Teacher

Where do you live?

Baie-Comeau, Quebec

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

White, Anglican, middle-class, straight

Tell us about yourself.

In a relationship for 18 years, mother of 1

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated by e-transfer

How much did you donate?

\$1-\$25

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Wil Clarke

Please provide your full name, age, and occupation:

76, Retired

Where do you live?

Manilla, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Anglo Canadian

Tell us about yourself.

Worked hard all my life, never collected U.I. or welfare. Now I see my country being destroyed.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor and as an observer

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Enough is enough, and Anti-Covid vaccine

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

One day February 12

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

P/U truck

What was your role?

To see it and give support

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (Peace, hate, flags etc)

More smiles and happy people than I'd seen in a long time

Where did you walk/drive? (Street name)

To Parliament Hill.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

No

How did the government mandates affect you?

Government overstepped their authority, keeping people in their homes and shutting down business.

Wendy Cochlan

Please provide your age and occupation:

Retired

Where do you live?

Alberta

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

The last week

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Alberta flags

What was your role?

Protester

Did you come with your family?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Peace, love, friendship, hugging, smiles, stories a truly wonderful experience until the brown shirts started pushing us around. They arrested my nephew, an Afghanistan veteran, at the Tomb.

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

Our hotel as close

Where did you walk/drive? (Street name)

Walked on Wellington and surrounding areas

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

The only street blocked were by the police

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

Yes

If yes, were you beaten by the police? (explain, snatched, zipped tied, driven away)

My sister was tear gassed; elderly brother-in-law pushed in the snow for no reason. My nephew was zip tied, driven out of town and dropped off. He is a veteran.

What were the police wearing? What did they use to beat you? (rifle, stick etc.)

They wore different types of uniforms. Some with no identifying marks.

How did the government mandates affect you?

Unable to attend or participate in my sports, or my kids/grandkids. No restaurants, etc.

If you supported the protest, why?

Freedom is fundamental!





POLICE

Vanessa Cohen-Berland

Please provide your age and occupation:

30, Dog Walker

Where do you live?

Mississauga, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

I am a pansexual Jewish woman.

Tell us about yourself.

I walk dogs and am the youngest of a large family with five kids. I enjoy eating healthy and helping animals in my free time.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No



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A SHADE OF GREY. WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Updated: Mar 5

Our weekend in Ottawa - *Approximate reading time: 15 minutes*

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The dust has settled, somewhat, for the Convoy in Ottawa. When we booked our accommodations, we didn't realize that it would end up being the "red zone," where police would have checkpoints for the public to enter, leave, or move around within its perimeter.

There was a deep rumble in my bones to go to Ottawa. To take the kids out of school, and witness with our own eyes what is occurring. Was it like what social media showed? Was it like what I was reading in the newspapers and on TV? Crazy, hateful, anti-science militants attempting to usurp power? A bunch of everyday Canadians protesting in the streets? In a world of black and white, I often see a shade of grey. It's easy to have our opinions shaped with powerful media conglomerates and social media beaming us curated news, right in our hands. Often we spew our beliefs online, some even belittling others, regurgitating whatever media we consume (and I'm as guilty of the latter part as the next). I needed to ignore everything I'd seen online and on the news, and try to wrap my brain around things by first-hand experience.

The same way that I far welcome face to face discussions over online, I needed to be as close to the situation as possible to try to understand it.

The last couple years have been life altering for all of us. Our daily lives have changed, interactions within our families and communities strained. From "two weeks to flatten the curve" and "all in this together" to "freedom" being the new f-word, and Canadian flags tantamount to terrorism. Here is the official story, comply with it or risk losing your job, family connections and social circle; perhaps even the ability to move freely between countries, or even within your own community. Seriously - exactly what is happening? Maybe my brain could process things better being in the eye of the storm.



By the time we got to Ottawa, the Federal Emergency Order had been revoked. While most of the Parliamentary area had very heavy police presence, and large fencing closing off main access points; the majority of the downtown area was getting back to its normal activities.

The first goal was to see the Parliamentary buildings. I've always wanted to go to Ottawa during Canada Day, even though I'm first to admit that I'm not really a big "flag-waving, overly-patriotic-type." I love old architecture, history, and have wanted to visit the capital since I was a child. Obviously, this is something that I'd want to do with my family. Ensuring their safety would be the most important thing, so lots of talking to them about what they'd potentially see, what to do in particular situations, and how to stay clear of trouble.

I just wanted to soak things in. I wanted to talk to as many people as possible. To understand things without the lens of my phone or tv - unfiltered, with my own ears and eyes. I spoke to people at every store we went to, tried to make small talk with people on the street, laughingly

snubbed by many (wireless earbuds are hard to see under touques is my excuse for not being offended by being ignored). I wanted to talk to truckers and protesters. I wanted to talk to police, and people in the downtown area. I (annoyingly, according to my family) asked lots of questions, attempting to hear things directly from the people there, from literally every person I encountered.

I've only been part of a few protests in my life, but I've seen them often. Yes, it is a pain when we're delayed on the highway, or need to reroute our plan. But, no matter what the protest is, I generally honk in support. I personally believe that it takes guts to get out on the street to show support for a cause. It's uncomfortable, uneasy, and not the path of least resistance. Because I believe so strongly that protesting is a basic human form of expression, I vehemently defend all peaceful protests. If we take it away for one segment, we risk taking it away for all. However, I cannot imagine living adjacent to one for a serious length of time.

From people in stores, I heard a variety of responses. Some said their small businesses were super busy over the past weeks, just with having so many people around the area. One claimed the busy-ness kept them afloat after very slow months and lockdowns. At the large Rideau Mall, which was shut down for multiple weeks, all the staff we talked to breathed a sigh of relief being back at work. When we left the mall, we couldn't get out of the parkade as there was a large protest walking by for Ukraine. It reminded me of one Ottawa commentator I was following during the events earlier this month, "this is a city of protests, we see them all the time since it's the capital." I made sure to blast my horn for all the blue and yellow flags walking though downtown, despite the driving delay.

I had a really great discussion with a younger Jewish man. We spoke for over 15 minutes. I would estimate he was mid to late 30s. I asked how things were over the past few weeks. He said that because he was towards the edge of the red zone, his business had not really been impacted. He wanted to see what the hype was about during the protest, and he went and checked it out with his two kids. "The last two years have been horrible for them. I brought them down there a few times. The truckers cooked them pizzas. They had a great time."

From the general public, I heard a mix of thoughts reminding me of what a divided country we seemingly do have. One local complained about the noise, and how busy it was with people. Others said they found life more annoying now, with all the checkstops. One thing that I found

interesting, is that some whom I'd assumed would be very "anti-convoy," expressed how much they were against the mandates. One mom, who was struggling with reduced hours and her husband laid off, counted down the days when they wouldn't need to screen customers for passports. She lamented how worried she was about her kids missing out on their formative years. One older lady, who I was sure was going to say she was pro mandate looked at me and said, "Do you mind if I pull this damn thing down?" (referring to her mask). She asked what I planned to do in Ottawa. I told her all the tourist attractions we wanted to see, and mentioned I needed to balance out what I was seeing in major media and online. "You cannot trust the TV news," she said, laughing.

I turned on the news and saw coverage of the Ukraine/Russia conflict. On the bottom ticker I read as it said "Dozens of Ottawa residents talk of PTSD from Occupation." This heavily contrasted what I was hearing from residents. I was honestly very surprised at how little complaining I did hear. Obviously, I did not have a huge sample size, but out of the few dozen people I talked to, only a very small fraction had anything negative to say. If only I had more time, I could have asked more people, and get a bigger perspective. However, it did make me question if it really was just a tiny, fringe amount of people with "unacceptable" views like I was told.

I know it is far from scientific, but for me, I do generally gauge how serious the person is about the pandemic, by whether they wear a mask while alone outside or driving. We know quite definitively that these serve no purpose in these specific circumstances. I'd estimate the percentage of people wearing masks outside was roughly 30 on/70 off. It seemed like the closer we got downtown, the frequency was higher, and as we got farther from downtown, less and less. While I'm not trying to necessarily correlate the two, it was interesting that the closer you got to Parliament Hill, there were more and more Government buildings and workers. Could that have been a contributing factor?

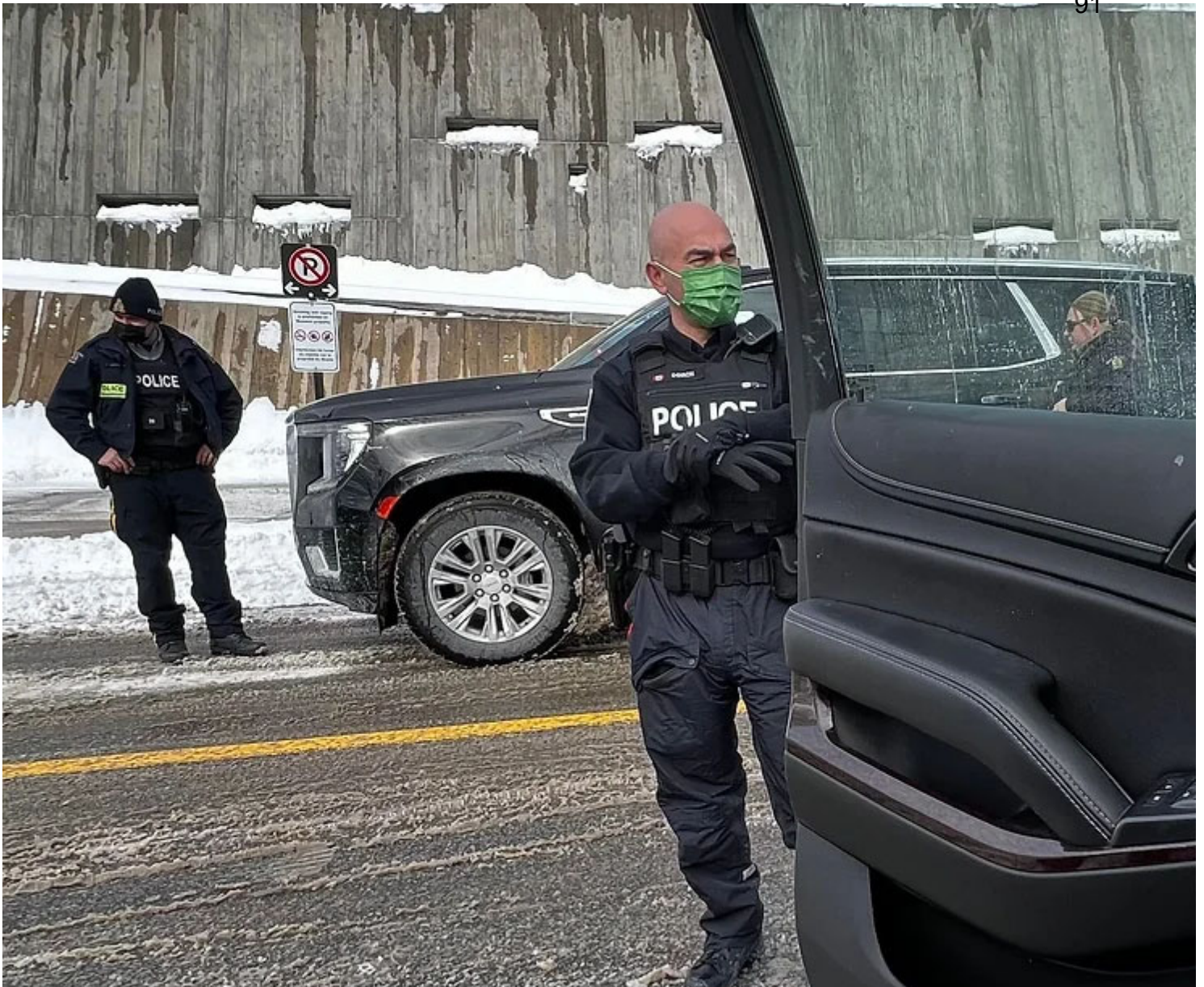
Our first stop was the Hill, and we went there daily. We checked out many of the famous statues and buildings. On the initial visit there was a sole protestor, walking the square around the Flame with a hand painted sign. There were definitely more police officers than tourists in the area. I never felt "unsafe," but there was such an eerie feeling - almost post-apocalyptic; knowing that just days before police clashed with frontline protesters, and hundreds of huge trucks filled the streets. Aside from the large fencing, and red and blue flashing lights, you'd



never really be able⁹⁰ to tell anything out of the ordinary happened. Only a few intermittent signs of protest and counter-protest were taped up in the area.

We saw lots of Parliamentary, Provincial, and RCMP officers throughout downtown. All the police officers we talked to were kind. If you smiled and waved, they did the same, and engaged in small talk. Most didn't want to give any opinions on the past few weeks, and understandably so. "No comment," was the most common answer. During one interaction, when I asked how the officer's last few

weeks have been, he said, "It's closer to a month. It's a bit like a broken record," with a tone of frustration. I can only imagine the immense, and stressful workload. He declined a handshake but agreed to an elbow bump.



Outside our residence downtown, we threw out our garbage. Inside the shed, was a hand-made sign, "You will own nothing, but be happy." This is a reference to the World Economic Forum's agenda for 2030, which many protesters claim is the reason for the extra harsh lockdowns in Western democracies. I'm not sure if the sign was from a neighbour in the building, or perhaps someone that stayed here before us.

I wanted to see the "vibe" and makeup of the audience at one of their protests. Although not at the scale as weeks previous, there have been regular protests since. The one we saw advertised started later than what it said on the poster. I saw people of all ethnicities in attendance, with a lot of people there reminding me of how the treeplanters dress (when we

see them each summer). Quite a few elders were there, and a few "well-dressed" business-looking people. A lady that looked very "hippy-ish," with a beautiful vibrant jacket, had a bird on her shoulders and a sign that said "free hugs." I'd estimate around 150 people were there, just adjacent to the War Museum. I spoke to one attendee who said things had been a bit "fragmented" since the police crackdown. According to him, this was one of the smaller events, with multiple protests and walks still occurring daily.



The event poster stated that there would be speakers from former communist countries in Eastern Europe. We didn't stick around for long, but one lady with a thick accent (I believe Romanian) pumped up the crowd on a megaphone. What seemed like every 9 or 10 cars drove by, honking in support. A few thumbs down were seen also, and one loud angry expletive from a vehicle, although he was slightly muffled from his mask, with the gentleman leaning out the window giving the finger. "We love you!" the protesters whipped back. I did not see anything violent, or anything that led me to believe there was anything negative towards anyone else. I did have to turn to my phone and research one person's flag as I did not know what it meant. It turned out it said "essential" in another language. However, this was just one of many events, and arguably wasn't one of their larger ones.

With no truckers downtown, we did some sleuth work on social media. Some of the truckers had travelled home, but many went to two camps on the outskirts of the city, awaiting their trucks to be released. On the west side, was the smaller, English camp. Towards Montreal, was the French camp, with larger facilities.



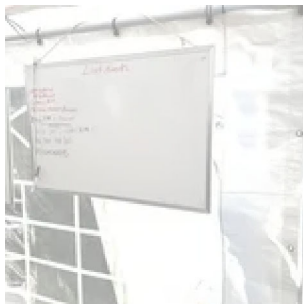
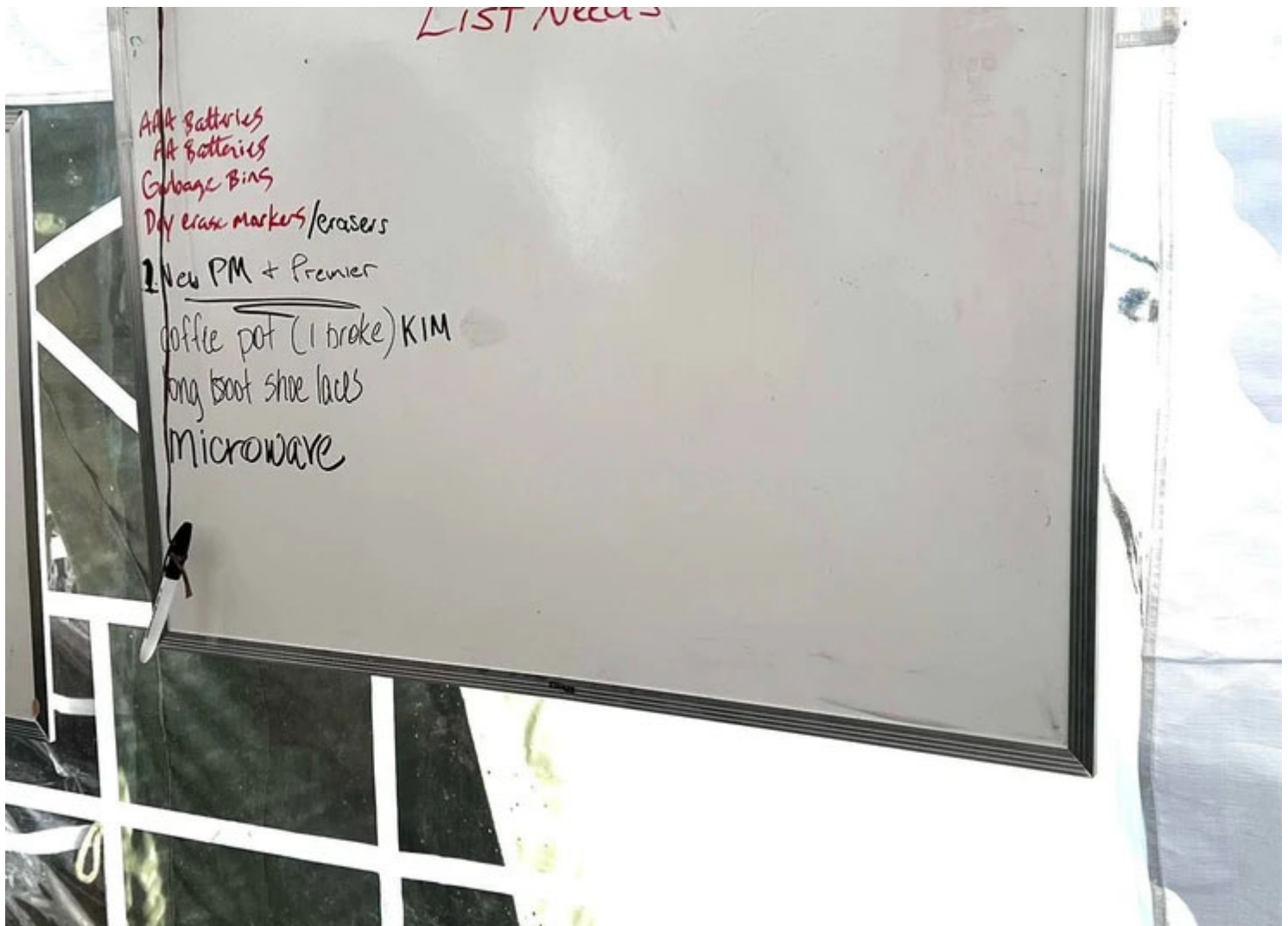


The language barrier was palpable at the larger camp, but they were in seemingly positive spirits and we used Google Translate to converse. There was a person handing out "Stop Corruption" stickers at the door. Piles upon piles of food and supplies were on neatly arranged tables in the one building. In the larger storage facility I must have counted a hundred jerry cans sitting on the side, while four young guys played road hockey across from a huge stockpile of goods - dry foods, toiletries, books, blankets, hygiene products, cases of water. Outside, an igloo with a stove was ready to warm up people, while many sat at tables or worked on vehicles in the main structure. We didn't stay later, but they were in expectation of hundreds of people to head there in the evening.

Many dozens of vehicles were parked outside, of supporters from across Canada. Some adorned Provincial, Metis or Every Child Matters flags. Many had stickers or had hand drawn political statements. Every trucker we spoke to said the same thing, they were concerned about the life their children and grandchildren would inherit. Never did I hear anything specific about the shot, but rather the potential ill effects of "increased control of the government," and how that could negatively impact all Canadians. Loss of jobs, feelings of helplessness, the division - all were common themes. It appeared their trek was an act of desperation. I suppose, most protests are exactly that. "It was the most moving, powerful, loving thing I've seen, until the police broke us up," was the sentiment of three French truckers. "The amount of support we saw from across the country, and the people in Ottawa, was overwhelming." Knowing the separatist history of their province, I found this particularly interesting. They were very quick to voice their opposition to the Premier of Quebec, and Trudeau. One of their trucks had stickers calling both of them out.

The English camp seemed a bit more "fun-oriented" I'd argue, but it may have just been the ease of talking in English, and the way the camp was set up, that led me to this conclusion.

With that said, it specified at the entry way that no booze was allowed. Dozens upon dozens of vehicles were lined up outside, with the license plates from every province, around 20 portapotties lined up outside. A makeshift stage made up of a trailer, decorated with diesel cans, with two semi trucks; balancing the view across multiple firepits. A few hundred feet away were multiple large tents and a smaller cooking tent. As the daylight slipped away, music was turned up, and flashing lights, like at a rave, strobed.



In one of the large tents, a gypsy-like vibe, as around a hundred people laughed, sang, and filled cups from large boxes of Tim Horton's coffee; a singer belted out sing-along songs, playing guitar. Kids sipped on juice boxes and water bottles. Hay was spread on the icy ground to stop people from slipping. The tables were overflowed with supplies for those staying in vehicles. A white-board with contact information for organizers, legal teams, and information on how to get their trucks back, as well as a "We Need" list. The wall had a large Indigenous flag, and a "Big Bear" flag - who I believe may have been one of the leaders there, or maybe a social media influencer. I'd never heard of him before being in Ottawa. Tall in stature, with distinct light brown braids, he spoke clearly and concisely, passionately talking about unity. He mentioned his concern of how he felt that many organizations dear to his heart had been "bribed by the Feds" for their allegiance. He asked where we were from, offered us food, and talked about the protest plans the following day, and questioned if we needed accommodations. He only chatted a few moments and then rushed off to take a phone call.



The kids made friends with two young ones from Alberta. Their mom drove them in, to be in Ottawa. The boy asked if I'd like him to take a picture of our family, and he'd gladly take a

donation. I loved his spirit. I said, "how about you let me take a picture of you with my family, and I will give you a few bucks." You could see him deeply thinking if this made sense. "Sure. That's a great idea!" I snapped the photo and passed him a bill. "My mom spent \$180 in gas to get here, I'm trying to save it for her," as he clutched a moderate stack of bills from his pocket. I didn't have the heart to tell him his mom definitely spent more than that in fuel costs from Calgary, but I commended his drive.

In the quieter spots, by the bonfires, most people were talking about the situation in Ukraine, worried about the collateral damage of civilian lives to be lost. Graders were off in the distance, clearing a field as they expected many more vehicles to arrive. Everywhere people were entrenched in discussion. By one of the bonfires, one trucker from the west coast introduced himself and talked about his experience of the past weeks. He then turned his talk to a more religious tone. I generally don't feel comfortable talking about my belief system so the next opportunity to walk away, I bailed.

It reminded me of an organized pit/field party back in high school. Food, people chatting, smiling, hugging. Everyone introducing themselves to each other. There were many with small children there. One lady from Salmon Arm travelled without a proper winter jacket, so a local gave her a mid 90's pure white puffy jacket. She walked around with a sharpie and people signed it. The same lady that gave her the jacket spoke of a trucker that was parked right by the major hotel near Parliament. She said he had to leave a day early, not just because of the impending police action, but due to his own emotional state. Being at one of the main entryways to the protest, he heard hundreds of stories from people why they supported their movement - adverse reactions, lost jobs, closed businesses, family member's suicides. According to her, it was too much for him, and he simply couldn't take it anymore. Note, I did not witness this first hand, but I did see her eyes well up, fighting back tears, as she gave her account.

Later, in a starry filled country sky, the crowd grew to about 3-400. Fireworks lit the area as provincial captains of the truckers spoke on the mic. An elderly Polish lady spoke about growing up in communism, and how "she'd never dreamed in her life, she'd see it happen in Canada." Truckers and their supporters almost gave off the feeling of victory, and celebration. "The spark of freedom has been lit. No one can stop that." One trucker ended off a talk with "This is not over."



Overall, I am extremely happy with how the trip went. Aside from all the "normal" tourist activities, I got to see with my own eyes, and hear first hand from people in Ottawa, from as many viewpoints as I could on the recent happenings. Yet, I feel a hesitation to share this. I shut my personal facebook down a few months ago because I could not stand to see the division happening between friends and neighbours. How is this possible in our own country? Why should one feel scared to lose their job, respect of peers, the means of feeding their own children, all from a different viewpoint? Why has the last two years brought us to this point? Is this the kind of world we want for our children? If one of my family chooses a different medical path from another, does this make them less of a person? And if not, are we running our society in a way that is congruent with that? Are we prioritizing the following of (often questionable) rules over community, family and friendships? I remember speaking out against policies of Prime Ministers and Presidents of both major parties before and never feeling so stifled. I don't believe my values have changed since then, so why is it so different now?

We sometimes separate ourselves from differing viewpoints by using negative terminology for the opposing group. Sheep, FluTruxKlan, Covidian, Freedumb Movement. When this is done, it is an attempt to diminish the other side, often, to dehumanize. It's easy to feel morally superior if you can look down on others. This is where we need to draw the line. We need to know that everyone, even those who do not see how we perceive things are just trying to do their best on this planet. Everyone is trying desperately to make sense of this messed up movie that we're in, seemingly spiral out of control.

We are lucky to get 80-90 years on this planet. Let's remember everyone's humanity, that is the common bond. I believe it's important to truly reflect on ourselves, before we are consumed by anger, or wish harm on others. Communities, friendships and relationships have been strained, and are in need of love and healing. The mandates may be (temporarily?) lifting, but in the meantime - I still grapple with the last two years. From this trip to Ottawa, I continue to see a shade of grey. But it begs the question - *where do we go from here?*

Carolynn Cooke

Please provide your age and occupation:

77, Retired

Where do you live?

Thunder Bay

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Culturology

Tell us about yourself.

Enjoy life.. but dismayed by the overreach of government. I want our Country back!

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer

Why were you involved in the Protest?

Government overreach

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Dawna Copeland

Please provide your age and occupation:

62, Retired

Where do you live?

British Columbia

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Woman born in Canada

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer, provided financial support, and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Lori Cote

Please provide your age and occupation:

60, Retired

Where do you live?

Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Middle-class white.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

Government overreach, enough is enough, End mandates/End lockdowns, and Anti-Covid vaccine

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$1-\$25

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Tamara Cote

1. Why I support the end to the mandates and why I support what the truckers did was because of my children.
2. All my children have suffered in one way or another these passed few years, but my littlest has suffered the most. My son was born with bilateral clubfoot and due too these ridiculous mandates his regular check ups and appointments were cancelled for almost two years. His feet relapsed so bad that on his one foot he was literally walking on the side of his foot. He wore down the bones due too walking improperly on it. We tried everything we could do from home too get his foot straight we kept him in shoes all the time even though this didn't make a bit of difference. Once we were finally able too get in to see his surgeon she had the audacity too say too us that it was the unvaccinated peoples fault because of how everything turned out. She had no remorse for all his cancellations no conscience whatsoever. She later retired.
3. We are currently seeing a new surgeon and he has brought too our attention how really bad his foot is. He had a very big surgery back in April and my son who is 3 had to undergo a surgery that is meant for a 5-6 year old. The damage had been done is what the surgeon said too us and he isn't completely sure if we can get his foot back up too par. He said we have a few more surgeries in store for our son and was not completely sure even after those if it will make a difference.
4. That's not something you want too hear about your 3 year old baby boy. These past two years were so crucial in these stages and our healthcare system failed him.
5. I supported the truckers and the protest because they were seeking to end the mandates that were hurtful to me and my family and I felt that finally someone was standing up for me and my family.
6. Thank you for listening one distraught momma.

Doug Cotton

Please provide your age and occupation:

59, Fire Fighter

Where do you live?

Sombra ont & lachute Quebec

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Caucasian Christian male

Tell us about yourself.

I'm a Christian male, single, no children. A cheerful supporter of various charities both Christian and secular.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

How much did you donate?

\$500+

Why did you donate?

Felt bad for the truckers making their sacrifices. Also wanted to let the truckers no, they were not alone.

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

Various

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Nothing

What was your role?

Was there to support the truckers and also joined in on praying for our politicians.

Did you donate food or supplies?

No

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

I have NEVER felt such love in such a large gathering of total strangers. It was hard to describe, strangers just hugging each other people actually shedding tears of joy. Families wrapped up in Canadian flags walking around having a great time. People just wanted to help out strangers and Ottawa's homeless people.

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

Tim Hortons was very accommodating in letting people use the bathrooms as well as the coffee shop across the road.

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Coming into the main street towards the underground parking. They were asking where I was going, after I told them they let me through.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

Yes

If yes, were you beaten by the police? (Explain, snatched, zipped tied, driven away)

No

How did the government mandates affect you?

I felt I was being picked on and bullied for making a personal choice about my health. It did affect me mentally with not feeling like a part of society. I was also feeling a tremendous amount of anxiety regarding the threats from the Prime Minister and premier Lagault for my personal health choice. I am still in disbelief of what happened.

If you supported the protest, why?

I felt I needed to support the truckers and to pray for our country and politicians



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Brandi Cowtan

What is your age and occupation:

42, Healthcare Worker

Where do you live?

Northern Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian born

Tell us about yourself.

I am a 42 year old mom of 4 young boys. I live in a small rural community with my husband where I worked part time in our local ER.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns and Government overreach

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

Second weekend

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

I drove with 2 other friends of mine. We brought the essentials.

What was your role?

Held a sign and spoke with various people.

Did you donate food or supplies?

Many of us in our community had prepared food for the convoy the week before when they were passing by our community.

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

The experience was quite a transformative experience at the time, very emotional for me. It had been a very dark fall and winter being unvaccinated in Canada. The rhetoric of Justin Trudeau in the media was shocking, frightening, and hurtful. There were times when we seriously wondered if selling our home and leaving Canada was an appropriate step to ensure the safety of our family. We were not unique in these feelings, as we knew many young families in our community who were also spending time thinking about escape plans. I experienced relationship strains with extended family and felt the weight of being excluded

from public life with the vaccine passports program. I did not have the heart to explain to my 4 young children exactly the nature of the situation or the disruption to some of our relationships with extended family. Thankfully we live rural and have connections with like minded families in our community so I was able to maintain somewhat of a sense of normalcy for my children. I was off work on maternity leave from my part time job at our local small, rural hospital, and by the time the convoy came I was fairly certain returning to my job would not be an option. Mentally and emotionally, for me, it was the hardest time of my life. I was in a depression and constantly preoccupied with anxiety for our future in Canada. The convoy brought me hope. It brought me out of the pit of depression and gave me a sense of hope again. The reason I traveled to Ottawa was because I needed to see with my own eyes. The media portrayals of the protest were not aligning with what I was seeing on social media and I needed to see for myself. I do not enjoy crowds or generally feel comfortable in large cities, but from the moment we arrived at downtown Ottawa, I felt completely at ease. The energy of my fellow Canadians was that of love and openness. I met so many people from every walk of life. I connected with people as we shared our stories with one another. The crowd in Ottawa was a cross section of Canada, people of all ages, races, cultures and backgrounds. Not once did I see any displays of anything other than peaceful noncompliance and love. I made a point of asking more than a couple of police officers about their experiences and all seemed positive and friendly. It was one of the deepest and most positive experiences of my life.

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

We walked the main protest areas around parliament. I'm not familiar with the street names but it was around a 6-block radius.

How did the government mandates affect you?

They caused me great mental strain and depression

If you supported the protest, why?

I wanted our country to return to being a place of tolerance and freedom. As a mother I felt compelled to stand up for the future of my children in this country.

Charmaine Craig

What is your age and occupation:

54, Small business furniture refinishing

Where do you live?

Abbotsford, BC

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian grew up Christian mid-class straight

Tell us about yourself.

Mother of 2 grown compassionate adults, grandmother of 3. Since 2015 deeply involved in volunteering overseas with refugees and here at home with new Canadians

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Joanne Crossman

What is your age and occupation:

46, Accountant/Stay at Home Mom

Where do you live?

Ottawa

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Christian

Tell us about yourself.

I'm a wife, mother of three teenagers, freedom loving, law abiding Canadian who didn't know I was so patriotic until January 23, 2022 when I heard the freedom convoy was on its way to Ottawa! I rallied friends and family to greet the trucks in Arnprior on January 28th in -40 degree temps and to go downtown on January 29th and on several days throughout the protest. If these brave, beautiful people came across the country to stand up for our God-given rights and freedoms, we needed to get out and support them in anyway we could and that's what we did! I'm also a proud member of the not so fringe minority, eternally grateful to Freedom Convoy truckers, organizers and my fellow supporters.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor, provided financial support, and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GiveSendGo

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

Jan 28 (Arnprior), 29 (Ottawa), Feb 1, 3, 6, 12, 17, 18

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Canadian flag, sign (i.e. God keep our land glorious & free), smiles :)))

What was your role?

To be part of the peaceful protest and to support the truckers. We went downtown as often as we could and when we weren't downtown we were praying and thinking about what we could do to help. My husband ended up taking video of the protest for a BC-based production company that's making a documentary.

Did you donate food or supplies?

Yes - we baked muffins for the truckers and we hosted two dinners in the lobby of the Sheraton Hotel for a group of 20 or so truckers and their spouses and children twice during the protest (we had permission to use the lobby). It was like being with old friends - we were so happy to host them and they were appreciative of a steak dinner!

Did you come with your family?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

The protest was the most joyful, peaceful, loving gathering of that size that I've ever been part of in my life. It was like being with family - hugs, smiles, dancing, comradery like I've never seen in such a large group, people helping each other, free food. Canadians from all political stripes, races, religious beliefs coming together to peacefully protest unlawful covid mandates and government tyranny and overreach.

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

Usually parked in an underground parking lot on Laurier St. near Bank St.

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Yes, there were police blockades all over the downtown core. There were more police blocking the roads than trucks blocking the roads. On Feb 17 & 18 it was hard to drive in the downtown core because of all the blockades and checkpoints. On both days we had to drive past the downtown core on the 417, exit at Vanier Parkway and head back downtown to find an open exit. Thankfully, we made it through the police checkpoints - so disturbing and unbelievable to have checkpoints in our city.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

Yes

If yes, were you beaten by the police? (explain, snatched, zippered tied, driven away)

I was there on Feb 18th in the evening with my husband and three teenagers and some of our friends. We were at the front of the police line outside the Chateau Laurier with some of our trucker friends. We did not see any violence at that time. We were there for less than half an hour around 8:30 pm. I felt very unsafe due to the heavy police presence and automatic weapons. We all cried on the way back to the car because of the devastating end to the beautiful three-week protest, which was a most beautiful display of Canadian peace, unity and love. Before the EA was invoked, our experience was that the OPS were friendly and helpful toward protesters, as they should be.

What were the police wearing? What did they use to beat you? (rifle, stick etc.)

On Feb 18, police were wearing navy uniforms with no badge/ID, this was very disconcerting given the number of them and the number of automatic weapons being carried by 'police'.

How did the government mandates affect you?

My family and I were not able to board a plane or train or leave the country (i.e. We lost our mobility rights under section 6 of the *Charter*). On a provincial level, we were unable to go places where the vax passport was required. Due to the prime minister's hateful rhetoric toward those who chose not to take the shot, we experienced discrimination and segregation from friends, family, neighbours, etc. My husband resisted his company's vax mandate and was unable to enter his office building or meet with his colleagues or clients. Thankfully, he did not lose his job.

If you supported the protest, why?

I believed the truckers and the Freedom Convoy brought hope to our country. I have hope in God for eternal life, which is the most important hope to have, but I had lost hope for our country given the federal and provincial mandates and the posture that the governments and fellow citizens had taken toward those who chose not to be part of an experimental gene modification therapy drug. Video to share - (my husband interviewed a few of the trucker friends we met, sorry I couldn't copy it below). ps Thank you, thank you to the JCCF and DFC (and other lawyers on the right side of history) for all your excellent legal work, eternally grateful. https://youtu.be/51ywRnBc0_c

Danny&Jo Crossman <danny.jo.crossman@gmail.com>

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to perspectives

Attention: Public Order Emergency Commission

I am writing to share my views on the peaceful, lawful Freedom Convoy protest that took place in Ottawa in January and February, 2022. I am a resident of Ottawa and I supported the Freedom Convoy from the moment it was on its way to Ottawa to protest the unconstitutional Covid-19 vaccine and related mandates imposed by the federal government that left approximately 6 million Canadians unable to board a plane or train, unable to leave the country and for many, unable to earn a living. Ironically and grievously, Pfizer has recently announced that its Covid-19 'vaccine'/mRNA gene therapy modification drug, which the Canadian federal government mandated in the name of 'keeping Canadians safe,' was never tested for providing immunization from or preventing transmission of Covid-19. And in this same vein of 'keeping Canadians safe,' the prime minister on several occasions incited hateful rhetoric toward Canadians who chose not to take this experimental drug, thereby propagating discrimination and segregation on 6 million Canadians. Enter the Canadian truckers and the Freedom Convoy – they brought hope! Unfortunately, the Prime Minister went into hiding and refused to meet with the Freedom Convoy organizers, thus the Convoy stayed in the city to peacefully protest.

I welcomed the Freedom Convoy into the city in -40 degree temperatures and I went downtown several days to peacefully protest. From my experience 'on the ground' and contrary to what the City of Ottawa, the federal government and the mainstream media reported, the protest was the most loving, joyful and peaceful protest that I have ever witnessed and been part of - dance parties, bouncy castles, crime in the city went down, the streets were clean, snow was cleared and there was an endless supply of free food available to anyone in need. We were one big family, and ultimately the protest was a great testimony of the grace of God - thousands of freedom-loving Canadians united from all parts of the country, of all political stripes, of all races and religions peacefully standing up for our God-given rights and freedoms granted under the Canadian Charter. The protest only became violent when the Emergencies Act was invoked and the 'thug' police force was deployed to violently break up the protest. I was downtown on the last couple of days of the protest and I witnessed first-hand the police brutality and violence toward protesters. It was an absolute atrocity and an assault on the rights and freedoms of peaceful, law abiding, patriotic Canadians. History will show the truth.

Under Section 2. (c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Canadians have the right to peaceful assembly. When the Emergencies Act was invoked, my right, as well as the right of millions of other freedom loving Canadians, to peaceful assembly was violated by the federal government. The protest was always peaceful and always lawful. The Ottawa judge who granted the injunction for the horn honking to stop confirmed that the protest was lawful under the Charter. As far as I know, bylaw infractions such as parking tickets and traffic violations did not make the protest unlawful? I understand that some residents in the downtown core were highly inconvenienced by the protest, however, Ottawa being the capital of Canada is where Canadians should assemble to protest federal government tyranny. Some businesses that remained open during the protest claimed to have recovered losses they incurred during the Covid-19 lockdowns. I ask you to remember the 6 million Canadians who had their lives disrupted in devastating ways by the Covid-19 'vaccine' mandates that also violate the Nuremberg Code.

Given that the OPS, the OPP and the RCMP had the necessary tools to manage the protest, as per witnesses in the POEC to date, it is clear that it was unnecessary and unlawful for the federal government to invoke the Emergencies Act to end a peaceful, lawful protest that clearly did not meet the definition of a threat to Canada's national security in accordance with the CSIS Act. I will be forever grateful to the Canadian truckers and the Freedom Convoy organizers and supporters for initiating the largest peaceful movement perhaps in Canadian history.

Stay free and may God bless you,

Joanne Crossman

Sam Crozier

1. I need to firstly admit I am a mama bear and true to the term. I am here to fight for what I believe is right, I am here to share pieces of my story and to beg you to stand with me and fight with me for change, and yes this is also the letter I have shared daily with every single member of parliament!



2. This is me; I am a 37-year-old with a huge passion for helping raise up our next generation to be smart, kind and caring members of our planet.



3. This is my amazing family (pre-Covid). My Husband served 13 years following in his father and both Grandfather's footsteps, as well as our three boys who aim to do great things. My eldest wants to be a psychologist, and younger 2 want to follow in the Crozier tradition of fighting for our Country, sadly this is where my problems start.
4. Covid has not been easy on anyone. We are included in how hard those few years were. We wore the masks, we isolated and my gosh we all had more tests than I think anyone cares to remember. We chose to not get vaccinated (for our own personal reasons), thankfully only myself and my youngest have caught covid. This isn't to say we didn't firsthand see the scary heart breaking affects Covid held. My mother, and my boss were both in ICU with Covid (both triple vaccinated). Our neighbor's moved in with us for a few weeks after their father passed away from Covid (he was double vaccinated), We sat with another neighbor who is a police officer as he broke down after his 3rd teenage suicide call due to the affects on mental health.
5. We know Covid is serious, and even without vaccination we took the correct steps to ensure the safety of everyone however we could.
6. I home schooled all three of my boys just like many others who juggled work and children through these difficult times. I dealt with the depression my son fell into, as well as the depression that hit when both my husband's great grandparents passed away and he couldn't get onto a plane before they passed or after to pay his respects to the people who helped raise him. I dealt with the tears of my then 12-year-old who was kicked out of the swimming pool because of his vaccination status and was forced to walk home in the freezing cold without a jacket without even being able to call home. I sat and listened to my 15-year-old complain to me how he wasn't able to go to the gym or movies or hang out with friends because parents were scared of our status, and we weren't welcome. I watched as my own mother whose health is deteriorating STILL to this day is unable to see my family or I due to our vaccination status.
7. These are a few discriminations we faced and in the beginning were understanding of even though we did not agree upon. We are now past this point, and I still am scared to open the bathroom door every morning, or into my son's room. I am petrified, the crushing affects of these discriminatory actions is going to lead to me loosing a member of my own family. We are NOT doing ok.
8. I am not asking for help, I am BEGGING you to PLEASE listen, hear my heart, feel my pain, and help work towards the True North Strong and FREE that we are promised.
9. My husband, that army veteran I told you of above, he now has PTSD and not from anything he has seen or done in the forces but from what our government has done. Our government has destroyed my family, I, a once optimistic, full of life person, find myself struggling to stay above water now, I struggle to find joy in anything and daily fear a new announcement being made that will further punish us.

10. I have written the same e-mail to every member of parliament DAILY and been ignored by a large collection of the people meant to be our leaders, meant to be listening to us.
11. We still haven't been to England to pay our respects to our grandparents as we cannot get the 2 weeks off work to isolate after we get back, nor can we get time off to go anymore as our time off has been used up to instead isolate all the times those double and triple vaccinated were close contacts to us.
12. My boys cannot even enjoy growing in a sport as we learnt last week when my son was scouted for Rugby Alberta and then shot down the minute they learnt he was unvaccinated, apparently all professional sports require you to be double vaccinated! This link leads you to the rules for Alberta Rugby, [351c8e44c56af599317ea6f44aaf13d427617127.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/sportlomo-userupload/351c8e44c56af599317ea6f44aaf13d427617127.pdf) (sportlomo-userupload.s3.amazonaws.com).
13. I don't know what to do. I no longer know how to protect my children and give them the best when my own government is set to destroy me for not following his "voluntary vaccination".
14. I am not asking you to agree with my choice to remain unvaccinated, but I am asking you (BEGGING you) you to understand that "unvaccinated" is not just a term, it's real people. It's my family and I, hard working, caring, loving, active community members.
15. I am not a racist or a misogynist like Justin Trudeau claims I am, due to a vaccination status. The truckers and the protest in Ottawa gave me hope after I lost hope in the government. Please help end this discrimination and please end this hate, I beg you.

JoAnne Constance Cyr-Walsh

1. I was arrested in Ottawa on February 19, 2022, on Bank Street. I know this street quite well because I worked for many years for Met Life which is a block away.
2. I am a 71-year-old grandmother who voted Liberal for 50 years. I was born in Ottawa at the General Hospital and was raised in Hull, Gatineau, Quebec. I attended Rideau Street Covent on Rideau Street, just down the street from Parliament Hill. I graduated from the University of Ottawa in 1984. My whole family is in Gatineau, and I spent the first 33 years of my life in the area. Both my adopted children were born in Ottawa in 1992 and 1993. I attended the signing of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* on Parliament Hill in 1982.
3. I felt I had every right to be in Ottawa because it is where I grew up, and I am an eleventh-generation Canadian. I was vaccinated, and my last jab was on April 4, 2021. I thought I was going to die following my second jab. I spent two weeks in what felt like a constant state of a heart attack. I was unable to sleep as my heart would constantly be pounding, and the left side of my body hurt as if I was going to have a heart attack. I reported my condition to the government. My doctor was contacted immediately and told me that my symptoms were quite normal, and he said it meant that the vaccine was doing its job. He either lied to me, or he didn't know what he was talking about. I found out he really did not know what he was talking about. It was after that incident that I started questioning everything. I grew up in a generation where my body was my choice, and no one was going to force me to take another vaccine. Things were not adding up to me.
4. I was there for the first weekend of the protest in Ottawa, and during that time, I stayed with my family in Gatineau. I walked over the Alexandra bridge with thousands of others, and it was one of the most patriotic acts I have ever participated in. There was so much respect, pride, and admiration for one another I cannot express in words.
5. There is a video of me running after a man wearing a black mask waving a confederate flag. There's a video because so many people with phones and cameras filmed me running after this person. I am fast for my age, but he was much younger and faster. The man with the Nazi flag also disappeared fast, and I was able to get a quick glimpse of him. People were yelling at him to get rid of the flags. This was the only tense moment of the event, and it only lasted minutes.
6. I met a multitude of people and was even invited to partake in dancing with many of them. Many police officers were smiling and joking around with me.
7. On February 19, 2022, I took what was called the "Freedom Bus" that had been chartered to take people to Ottawa to participate in the Freedom Convoy. There were all kinds of people on the bus, young and old, and people of different ethnicity. Instant friendships were made and are still being pursued even to this day. There was a big snowstorm that day, and I don't remember where exactly the Freedom Bus was parked when we debarked, but it was near parked on the street near the

Portage bridge. RCMP officers would not let us walk on Wellington Street even though there were absolutely no trucks to be seen. We were told that because of the *Emergencies Act*, Wellington was closed to everything and everyone, but why they did not know. The only visible vehicles on Wellington Street were police cars, other police vehicles, and military vehicles.

8. There was a crowd on Bank Street, and I marched right in front of the unidentified soldiers. I asked why they were refusing me access to Wellington Street, to which they did not respond. I may have reminded them that their mothers would not be proud of them at that moment. At one point, two soldiers had me on the ground and lifted me up, escorted me away, and released me to two Ottawa police officers. They told me to go home because of the *Emergencies Act*, and we were not allowed to be in Ottawa. They forcibly walked me down O'Connor Street and released me on Sparks Street. I returned to Bank Street and resumed my position on the front lines. At one point, I narrowly avoided being pepper sprayed, but two young Quebecois got sprayed as they tried to block me from getting pepper sprayed. In doing so, they got pepper sprayed quite badly.
9. There were policemen on the roof of the buildings pointing their rifles at me. This was chilling, to say the least. I never thought this could happen to me in Canada; it was a very sad realization for me at that moment. I was in a large crowd of Canadians, and policemen on roofs pointed guns at us. There were so many of them it was stunning. How did we get here? I am still heartbroken and still often think about how this was allowed. It makes me worried about how far the government went and the country's future if we let this go and pass. I don't want to say the word, but this is tyranny.
10. The person who took the picture of me and the soldiers was a Chinese lady who was pointing her fingers at the soldier, saying, "just like China," "just like Beijing." She was very upset, so I hugged her and asked her to take a picture. Then the unidentified soldier grabbed me down, and I went up again and again. They lifted me up and handed me over to the Ottawa police, where I was immediately handcuffed, and they then took my purse from me. I asked them why they were arresting me, and the officer responded that Trudeau had invoked the *Emergencies Act* and that they could arrest anyone without cause.
11. I sat in the back of the police car for quite a while during their interrogation, and I fully cooperated with them. They transferred me from the police car into a paddy wagon and where I was then put in a small area of the wagon where I discovered I was somewhat claustrophobic. I managed to stay calm by looking outside a small window. Thank God I was dressed warmly, or I would have frozen to death. The part where I was transferred to the paddy wagon was caught on a live stream by CBC. The paddy wagon drove off when it arrived at its destination, and I was left in there for what seemed like an eternity.
12. I was then taken to a makeshift police station where I was frisked, fingerprinted, and my picture was taken. I was issued a notice of some kind and told that I was banned from Ottawa, and then I was released. I had no idea where I was, it was freezing and dark, but by sheer luck, I was able to take the bus back to Burlington.

13. I contacted the Conservative candidate for Burlington, who then put me in touch with criminal and constitutional lawyers. These lawyers met me in a secluded area, and I was not allowed to bring my phone because they feared reprisal from the Law Society. I was charged with four charges: (1) one count of mischief, (2) one count of disobeying lawful court order; (3) one count of obstructing and resisting a peace officer; and (4) obstructing property. A prejudicial trial for these charges was set for October 6, 2022.
14. I was arrested under the *Emergencies Act* on February 19, 2022, in Ottawa, but where was the emergency? There was no Russian invasion, and we were not being attacked by aliens or leprechauns. It was an army of police officers with guns, assault vehicles, batons, and pepper spray being used against normal everyday Canadians, like myself, for expressing their freedom of assembly and expression guaranteed to us under the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. The police and soldiers were the attackers and not the protestors.
15. Through my experience and time in Ottawa, I met so many lovely and amazing Canadians who all lost hope over the last few years. The protestors and people in Ottawa gave me hope again for my future and the future of Canada.
16. I was arrested under the *Emergencies Act* but charged under the *Ontario Emergency Act* and the *Traffic Act*. I have been banned from Ottawa for almost eight months.

Tom Czerwinski

Please provide your age and occupation:

Retired Ontario Land Surveyor

Where do you live?

Etobicoke, ON

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Catholic heterosexual male.

Tell us about yourself.

Married, professional father of two sons.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Gina D'Addamio

1. My husband, a healthcare worker had to quit his physiotherapy job of 15 years to take care of our 2 small kids because the schools were shut down.
2. I continued to work full time as a nurse of 16 years.
3. As of January 2022, I was fired for insubordination due to refusing to take the jab!
4. Between my husband and I we have 30 years of healthcare experience, all that down the toilet!
5. We are both changing our career trajectory due to these insane mandates and pray we don't need any care as the healthcare system is crashing!
6. Thanks to the truckers and the protestors for exposing the government overreach.

Reisha Dass

Where do you live?

Ontario

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor

Why were you involved in the Protest?

Government overreach, End mandates/End lockdowns, Enough is enough, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Job loss

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated by e-transfer

How much did you donate?

\$500+

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

Every weekend and the last day when everything unfolded

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Food

What was your role?

Supporter. My 2017 Yukon Delani was severely damaged by police (20k + in damages)

Did you donate food or supplies?

Yes

Did you come with your family?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Peace. Love. Harmony amongst people. It was amazing to be a part of a movement that wasn't divided by race religion sexuality economic level etc. it affected people equally.

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

Red Zone

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

I saw police doing their jobs because they needed the paychecks not because they agreed with the approach.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

Yes

If yes, were you beaten by the police? (explain, snatched, zipped tied, driven away)

Yes. My sister, husband, and I were beaten, arrested, and deprived of getting our belongings back for 7-days. Cost us thousands of dollars in damages.

What were the police wearing? What did they use to beat you? (rifle, stick etc.)

Unnamed uniforms and regular uniform officers. Beaten with knees, boots, and baton

How did the government mandates affect you?

It didn't affect me much. It affected everyone around me.

If you supported the protest, why?

Because what was happening was just wrong

Sarah Davidson

Please provide your age and occupation:

42, Stay at Home Mom

Where do you live?

Watford, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Proud Hockey Mom to 4 boys, supportive wife to my beekeeper husband.

Tell us about yourself.

I grew up in a farming community in southwestern Ontario. I've always been very patriotic and a proud Canadian. I travelled across Canada participating in Katimavik when I was 17/18 years old. Went to Niagara College for the Child & Youth Worker program ended up moving back to Watford and marrying my high school boyfriend. We have 4 awesome and energetic boys that love hockey! I decided to stay home with my boys instead of going back to work. I'm very family oriented. My family & friends are my world!

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor and provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, enough is enough, and Anti-Covid vaccine

Did you donate to the Convoy?

I donated to local people that drove a truck down and stayed the duration of the protest. As a group we donated gas, food, blankets etc. to the brave freedom fighters staying in Ottawa.

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

I went the first weekend it started, the Friday to the Sunday. A van full of mom's fighting for our children's future and for their right to participate in life.

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

A van

What was your role?

A mother fighting for my freedom, my children a freedom!

Did you donate food or supplies?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

It was the most peaceful & loving experience in my life! It really was the most amazing & uplifting heartfelt experience ever! It was very emotional being in Ottawa and supporting the convoy at home and along the way.

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

At the beginning of the weekend, we were able to use public bathrooms in the mall & some restaurants, by mid weekend the city closed all buildings so no one was able to use washrooms. Thankfully our hotel was downtown.

Where did you walk/drive? (Street name)

We walked the main areas that the trucks were.

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Yes, we did. The police were respectful and pleasant to us.

How did the government mandates affect you?

I was not able to watch my two younger boys play hockey. My two older boys were not able to play hockey, school sports. We weren't allowed in restaurants etc. it was a very challenging year for our family. My husband was forced to get the vaccine to coach one of our sons. There was a lot of sad days and not understanding why we weren't able to do these things.

If you supported the protest, why?

It was the right thing to do. I felt it with every part of my soul & body. What the government & public health & the media we're doing was all wrong and inhumane.

Thank

My Bill of Rights

I have the right to.....

- go to school
- play sports
- see my friends
- see my family
- go to the movies



Richard Davis

What is your age and occupation?

48, GM Energy Services Company

Where do you live?

Grande Prairie County No.1, Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Heterosexual, male, Metis, Christian

Tell us about yourself.

Married for 28 years. 5 sons, one daughter. Served in the RCMP for 9 years. Currently GM os an Energy Services Rental Company. Enjoy Camping, hunting, fishing and spending time with family.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Kelly Dearborn

What is your age and occupation?

44, welder, farmer

Where do you live?

Saskatchewan

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

English, spiritual, middle class, straight, freedom-loving, accepting

Tell us about yourself.

I live with my wife of 10 years and we have 2 children, living and working on the farm with sheep and I run the farm repair shop in my home town.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Cash

How much did you donate?

\$500+

Why did you donate?

I was being financially supported to go and I was sharing with other front-line protesters as needed.

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

Feb 10th-Feb 20th everyday

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

An SUV, a traveling companion, a Canadian flag, a Saskatchewan flag and 2 hockey sticks What was your role?

To share the message of what was really going on to fellow supporters back home. to help other people that were feeling alone or afraid to stand up to find their voice and have them know we had their back

Did you donate food or supplies?

Cash money, cleaned streets of snow, and was involved in 3 instances where there were disruptions of two opposite sides wanting to cause conflict to help de-escalate the situation. Even cleaned up another mans freshly laid dog do-do as he seemed at a loss as to what to do with it.

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

So much love. The only hate I felt were from people that called us conspiracy nuts. I had the opportunity to have a couple of different conversations with "the other side" just to listen to what they had to say. One gentleman I was able to ask some key questions to him about different things going on and he didn't have an answer because his TV hadn't told him the answer. I know I didn't change anyone's opinion but I hope and pray that taking the time to have those conversations it maybe put a human face on this side. maybe they could see there are 2 sides of this.

Were you unable to use public toilets?

Tim Horton's was generally available and there were porta potties set up but the law enforcement wouldn't let anyone in to clean them out so they were getting pretty rancid by the end of it. we had a hotel room we rented so we made sure to use the washrooms before we headed out every day

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

generally parked past kent street and made our way in from there. Got to meet alot of like minded Canadians as we walked up and down all the streets. very impressive for all the family type feeling that was there. There was never one time I felt excluded. There was never one time that I saw somebody get excluded. homeless included Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

There was police blockades everywhere we had to pass the blockades to get into the downtown core.

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

there were numerous blockades and we always made a point to say hello or wave. I believe most of the officers there didn't know why they needed to be there as it was very peaceful and we were very self governing. the biggest reason that they were needed as far as I was concerned was to protect us. There was a fuel storage set up in the back of a trailer on one of the trucks and somebody and stashed a bunch of fireworks in with them and covered them up with a blanket. They were not anyone from the conveyors so the police were called to remove them.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

Yes.

If yes, were you beaten by the police? (explain, snatched, zipped tied, driven away)

No but I should have lives that would show some of the gestapo

What were the police wearing? What did they use to beat you? (rifle, stick etc.)

we were a block down when they fired rubber bullets and tear gas on the crowd. I stopped to talk to a family that was heading down to the action with 2 children and I recommended they stay safe and asked their children to remember what happens here today and they have a obligation to do better and not let atrocities like this happen in their lifetime

How did the government mandates affect you?

I live in rural Saskatchewan and stay on the farm so not as much as others but I am of the believe if my brother or sister lost their jobs because they said no, then I lost my job. One thing that did directly affect me is the propaganda that Trudeau spread allowed my neighbors to vilify me and discriminate against me. I was in a meeting at our local chamber of commerce planning a Christmas party and it was asked what do we do with the unvaccinated? It was talked about it would just be easier to deny them entry rather than accept a PCR test, one lady piped up and said I won't have one of them people sit at my table. I stood up and said if that's the way you really feel I've got no problem leaving now. She quickly retracted and said well I didn't mean you. I said but you did, your words have repercussions. you may of not have been talking about me directly but I am one of "those people" so when you say it against the one you say it about me

If you supported the protest, why?

It is in our constitution to have the freedom of body autonomy, the freedom of travel, to not be discriminated against because of race, color, religion, or vaccination status, the freedom to gather. I'm a proud member of A.A. and I was told that I wasn't going to be able to meet with my people? If I drink I die, no two ways about it. I believe that's attempted murder from our government.









Dale Dematteo

Please provide age and occupation:

76, Health Researcher

Where do you live?

North of Port Hope, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Citizen of Canada

Tell us about yourself.

I am someone who values truth and honesty and respect for others and tries to live to those values.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

In kind, brought food and other supplies for truckers

How much did you donate?

No value attached

Why did you donate?

I had great admiration for the truckers and their supporters

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

David Desbiens

What is your age and occupation?

50, Manager

Where do you live?

Saguenay, Quebec

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Blanc hétérosexuel

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Tammy Dixon

Please provide your age and occupation:

Tammy Dixon, 50+, Retired

Where do you live?

BC

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Caucasian Christian Divorced Herero female

Tell us about yourself.

I have worked smart and hard since I was 15. I play piano and have raised a beautiful university educated daughter, mostly as a single mom. I have two wonderful parents who have been married for 54 years and a great brother who is the type of guy to never give up. Our family doesn't give up. Justin Trudeau can keep trying, but now I just laugh at him.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support and Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated by e-transfer

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Donna Doe

1. First, please let me thank all of you for standing up for our freedoms. We all felt so helpless for so long and for the first time in more than two years, the Freedom Convoy gave us hope. I was not able to attend the rally in Ottawa, but it was the first time in a very long time that I was proud to be Canadian.
2. Our family donated to the original GoFundMe fundraiser but when we saw that the government was trying to take the money, we did not donate to the second one. When we saw what occurred with the implementation of the Emergency's Act, the arrest of Tamara Lich and the government seizing the bank accounts of freedom loving Canadians who participated on the Convoy, we were ashamed to be Canadian. We were even more ashamed when we listened to our Prime Minister call the unvaccinated "racist and misogynistic extremists". I do not believe we can say we that Canada is a free country any longer.
3. I am a 62-year-old mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. I wanted to share how the covid vaccine and the mandates have impacted me and my family. When the vaccines were first made available, neither my husband nor I wanted to get vaccinated. We are not against vaccinations, we just felt that the vaccines were too new and there was not enough data available to make an educated choice. Unfortunately, because we had to travel, we felt forced to take them.
4. I got very sick after both vaccines, but approximately three weeks after the second vaccine, I started having severe nerve pain. The pain was so severe, that I was unable to function and was in the emergency room 5 times over a two-week period without any clear diagnosis on what was causing the pain. Following the emergency room visits, my blood pressure shot up to dangerous levels. My husband called an ambulance, and I was rushed to the hospital (without my husband due to the restrictions in place) and spent the next five days in the cardiac intensive care unit while they tried to determine what was the cause. I had every test imaginable done, but still there was no clear diagnosis. I asked multiple doctors if what I was going through could be from the covid vaccine and was advised that it was possible, as the covid vaccines are very "invasive", but they could not make that determination for sure based on the limited data they had at the time. I believe the vaccination was the cause of my pain therefore I have not taken any follow up boosters. I still live with chronic pain and do not know if it will ever fully go away. Also, even with taking both vaccines, my husband and I have both had covid twice.
5. In June of 2020, my mother collapsed and was rushed to the hospital. She spent five days there and we were not allowed to visit her due to the restrictions. They turned out to be the last 5 days that my mom was conscious. My mother had only been in the hospital twice in her life, both times to give birth. She did not want to be in the hospital and was so upset

that we could not come to see her. She told me over the phone that she was left alone for hours, no one came to help her clean up and she felt extremely isolated and depressed. It turned out that my mother had stage 4 cancer. She was discharged but fell unconscious and she passed away 10 days later. We were unable to have a funeral for my mom nor grieve with our family over this profound loss.

6. My sister is unvaccinated and since the beginning has sent me detailed data, as it has become available, of the side effects and damage suffered by those who were vaccinated. She has faced the constant fear of losing her job and had endured weekly covid testing to be able to continue working. We have family and friends that are both vaccinated and unvaccinated.
7. It has been heartbreaking to watch what our unvaccinated family and friends have had to endure. I have friends who suffered increased anxiety, depression and suicidal thoughts. We have seen friends turn against friends over the vaccine.
8. I listened to my daughter share on the phone how my grandchildren were struggling emotionally with online learning. My grandson went through a severe depression and we were concerned whether he might commit suicide after reading stories online about increased suicides among youth. Sadly, a family in our church lost their teenage son to suicide during the lockdowns.
9. I was a shoulder for friends who were having so many issues with children and grandchildren due to the restrictions and isolation. A close friend's daughter was fired for refusing the vaccine and, after years of working in a field she loved, she is looking to move to another country that will allow her to work in her field without being vaccinated. There are too many stories to list of the damage done both emotionally and physically from the vaccines and restrictions.
10. Taking the covid vaccine has never felt like a voluntary choice. I feel we were coerced into taking the vaccine if we wanted to live any kind of a life during the lockdowns. It was difficult enough watching our freedoms being taken away by the government week after week but then, if you were unvaccinated you were literally a prisoner in your own home.
11. I pray the lawsuits against the government are successful. They truly need to be held accountable for the damage they have done. Even now, I prayed about whether to even write this letter or not for fear of retribution from the government, but if we all do not stand up with one voice, how will anything ever change?
12. Thank you for being our voice and may God bless all of you.

Emma Doe

1. Covid mandates nearly took my husband's life.
2. He lost his job in March 2020 when the markets tanked. We had a toddler, and I was on maternity leave about to give birth to our second. Not only were our finances a reason to feel depressed- but we were told to stay inside our house. For months and months. Playgrounds had caution tape around them. My child's daycare was closed. We couldn't see a soul let alone talk to a professional for help.
3. LCBO stayed open though. Funny that. And with a click of the phone someone would deliver alcohol or weed to your doorstep without any interaction required. So my husband slipped deeper into a dark spiral while I had a newborn and toddler to worry about. My husband then had a seizure and ended up in the ER.
4. Finally, when daycares reopened my toddler had to wear a mask to attend. He refused. He pulled it off every time. He has high sensitivities. So, the next year we barely went anywhere because he wouldn't be allowed in without a mask on.
5. My husband at this point developed fears of leaving the house at all. Substance issues still prevalent without any hope of life returning to normal. We were vaccinated, we did our part, but when was it going to end? I was beginning to feel depressed myself. I hadn't seen family or friends in years.
6. But suddenly a convoy was forming. There were others like me out there? There are others who have had their lives ruined by mandates and who are ready to push back? Wait... there are hundreds of thousands like me??? That's what changed. Hope.
7. The beginning of covid we were banging our pots and pans and supporting each other through the dark, but the darkness quickly took over. Trudeau leveraged it for personal gain and let his own Canadians drown. Bickering with each other. Divided we fall.
8. All I can say is, thanks to the truckers I remembered how great this country can be. When it's free. Those veterans who stood with them in Ottawa know that as well. As do the kids who played hockey in the streets. The convoy brought tears to my eyes - the first happy ones in years. And since January 2022 my family has been on the road to recovery and better mental health ever since.
9. Thank you and I ask that you please keep last name anonymous.

Jane Doe

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor and provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GiveSendGo

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

Jan 29, 4-6 hours

How did you get to the Protest?

Flew

What did you bring?

a few passengers

What was your role?

tour guide

Did you donate food or supplies?

No

Did you come with your family?

No

Patricia D. Donahue, RN, BPE, MA

1. I am a senior citizen.
2. The lockdown had its impact on three fronts. First, my work was cancelled in that I do book events, teach writing workshops, and present at writing festivals. All got cancelled. Book sales (I'm a Canadian published novelist) diminished to almost zero. Applying for federal assistance, I was turned down. I tried a second time and was told I was too late. Worse though, was the horrible treatment I received at my local library branch. I distanced in the line-up, wore a mask, sanitized and when I was about to receive the book I requested, a nasty librarian made a scene in front of everyone, about my vaccine status, grabbed the book from the counter and said, "You can't have it!" I replied, "You know how hard it is on seniors right now with isolation?" Coldly, she indicated that I step aside for the next person in line. How humiliating.
3. Second was my family doctor who pushed & pushed me to take the injection, saying "This will fix your lungs." (I have a chronic lung condition). When I refused, she became abusive & cold hearted. I parted from this so-called doctor and now have no family doctor at all. Better than having an abusive one.
4. Last but not least, is the loneliness of missing my family, my grandchildren. No visits for two+ yrs. Well, everyone knows what that's about.
5. This has been naught but a destruction of small businesses (and therefore our economy), the destroying of trust in our medical professionals, and tearing families apart.
6. This is why I supported the truckers and the protest in Ottawa. They gave me hope when I lost hope.

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

amazing party

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

ended up visiting the Rideau Centre, before it was shut down

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

walked on Wellington and a few blocks around

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

lots

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

No

How did the government mandates affect you?

first negatively, then really annoyingly, then liberatingly as we disobeyed

James Donald

What is your age and occupation?

56, jack of all trades, mostly construction

Where do you live?

Eatonia, Saskatchewan

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Metis

Tell us about yourself.

Independent and like to help the community married, I am a father of two grown boys, I am also a grandfather.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor, as an observer, and moral supporter

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough. The lies and the deceit working with the wef

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

How much did you donate?

My time.

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

2 weeks

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Warm clothes and a big heart

What was your role?

Just trying to share awareness to everything that was going on to the lockdowns of the mandates we were sharing information meeting people encouraging people and thanking people.

Did you donate food or supplies?

Food and clothes.

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

A lot of love and peace with the protesters and a lot of police overreach.

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

We stayed just outside of Ottawa and drove in as close as we could get and then we would walk and then walk all day and night the whole downtown circuit.

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

There was police blockades everywhere we had to pass the blockades to get into the downtown core.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

Yes.

If yes, were you beaten by the police? (explain, snatched, zipped tied, driven away)

No but I witnessed it.

How did the government mandates affect you?

I work in a lot of people's homes and it affected me a lot my wife lost her job working at a care home

If you supported the protest, why?

I believe with the government was doing was total overreach of power the mandates on an untested vaccine The Mask mandates and evidence now is starting to show both the masks and the vaccine have graphene oxide a frequency multiplier you have to ask yourself why what about all the clots that are showing up around the world that people are dying from this was wrong on so many levels and people should be held accountable

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Terry Doucette

Please provide your age and occupation:

62, Retired

Where do you live?

Nobel, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

European descent, Christian, middle class, hetero, married, father of 3.

Tell us about yourself.

Military service 10yrs RCAF. 25 years airline pilot. Lived in 3 other countries as well as 6 provinces.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GiveSendGo

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Shelly Dyck

What is your age and occupation:

65, Farmer

Where do you live?

Manitoba

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Pretty Conservative, older, white, woman

Tell us about yourself.

Worked hard and built up successful farm with husband of 46 years. Like peace, quiet, common sense and being left alone

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Enough is enough, and destruction of our social fabric, isolation of old folks, people dying alone, politics of fear.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

25-100

Why did you donate?

Wanted to support the people who put it on the line

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Anders Ellice

What is your age and occupation?

44, Real Estate Associate

Where do you live?

High River, Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Caucasian married, straight, male, Christian faith, upper middle class, father of 2

Tell us about yourself.

Married for 8.5 yrs, 2 elementary aged kids, girl and boy, one with special needs. Very physically active lifting weights 3 days/wk and running 10-15km/wk. Actively play golf and hockey. Volunteer coach of U7. Own 2 dogs.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Kristen Elliott

Please provide your age and occupation:

40, Stay at Home Mom

Where do you live?

Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Freedom fighter

Tell us about yourself.

I want to be living on a tropical island instead of Canada.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

The government needs to be held accountable for everything

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Elyse Elyze

1. Justin Trudeau's mandates, as well as François Legault's mandates, and I can also add Doug Ford's mandates (since my father lives in Ontario), have personally disrupted my life, my family's life and my friends' lives, in a negative way. And for no good reason: EVERYONE GOT COVID.
2. I have been deprived of my favorite hobbies and sports that keep my mind healthy, and couldn't even attend my own university diploma ceremony, because of the vaccine mandates. I wasn't even sure if I could re apply at school since I wasn't vaccinated, and that pretty much put my career into a standstill.
3. I finished university and terminated my long awaited post-secondary studies because the mandates were causing me too much stress and Justin Trudeau's media outlets took a negative toll on me and caused me to burn out.
4. I was tired and stressed from being insulted all-around by people influenced by the news channels, as well as the politicians, for not being vaccinated with the infamous experimental mRNA vaccines. Of course, people will be stressed when stuck in their house and people being afraid of them, like the pest!
5. I did not support the "Emergency Act" and I do not support the Trudeau Government in any way. I personally cannot wait until he is out of office, and that is, if there is no corruption or buy-outs through out the next elections. It is so sad that people never got to see the real protest as it was: there were a lot of good people out there. The famous news channels only show a few protesters and invented rumors about swastikas, racism, and thus, they are lying to the public.
6. With kindness, I thank the truckers for their courage and hard work.

Veronica Etherington

What is your age and occupation?

40, Book Keeper/Admin

Where do you live?

Niagara Falls, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Middle class Canadian

Tell us about yourself.

Recently married, two dogs, no children. Love to travel (although miss it after these last few years), love to camp within ON with my husband. Work for a small home Reno business while attending Georgian College part time.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor and supported without being present.

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, donated on site

How much did you donate?

\$1-\$25

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates, I believe the Government went too far, and I wanted to support this movement, support everyone in Ottawa that was providing food and drink to everyone

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

2 days

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Husband and two friends, Warm clothes, Canadian flags, smiles, tears and hugs.

What was your role?

Show support to my fellow Canadians

Did you donate food or supplies?

No, cash donations

Did you come with your family?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Peaceful Canadians. Canadian flags, hugs, trucks, people laughing and smiling. People speaking about experiences, people crying and hugging listening to these stories. Music, prayers, fireworks. Zero hate flags. Zero violence. Many against the protest would yell at us and give us the middle finger as we walked back to our hotel, that was the only hate. We even removed our Canadian flag from our truck as we were worried someone would vandalize overnight.

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

We didn't look for any, our hotel was only a 5 min walk so wasn't a concern for us. We did see a few restaurants open though.

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

Drive from highway to Nicholas St where hotel was. Walked from there into the parliament hill area, walked all streets in the area that were blocked off

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Yes, a few. Unsure of the exact streets... Rideau st of course, which I was surprised by due to the trucks being parked further up. A few more but I'm not familiar with the streets

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

No

If yes, were you beaten by the police? (explain, snatched, zipped tied, driven away)

Cried at home watching. Such a terrible thing to watch happen when I saw with my own eyes what really happened in Ottawa.

How did the government mandates affect you?

Division, first of all. Division from family, friends was the worst. Listening to the government basically encouraging people to avoid anyone without the shot, I will never forget the hurt. Being banned from seeing my niece play hockey, no restaurants, had to decline wedding invites, basically no social life in public spaces. Couldn't travel. Cancelled our own wedding plans twice due to passports in effect. And

sadly, I'm considered lucky, as I didn't lose my job. That's the main reason I support, people lost their livelihoods.

If you supported the protest, why?

First time in two years I felt supported. I realized it wasn't just my husband and I fighting this fight, millions were. Such a moving experience, felt more Canadian than I have ever felt. People do not lose their jobs over a flu shot, this should not have happened. Government shouldn't speak down to Canadians as if they are scum. What a horrible time to live through, mentally draining. Awful awful memories of the discrimination and hate.





Jeff Evelyn

1. I am a 44-year-old Canadian Veteran. I lived in Ottawa for seven years of my military career.
2. I joined the Canadian Military in January of 2001 as an Aerospace Telecommunications and Information Systems Technician after completing a 2-year diploma in Electronic Engineering at Nova Scotia Community College. My first posting was to CFB Greenwood, NS, where I worked mainly as a radar and navigational aids maintenance technician. During my time in Nova Scotia, I found love in coaching and became certified through Nova Scotia Boxing.
3. In 2007, I was posted to CFS Gander, NL, as the Chief Instructor for the AN/FPS-117 Air Defence Radar used for NORAD operations. Having only recently taken up the sport of MMA, I founded and coached the Spartan's MMA Club and won the first annual NL Grappling Championships.
4. In 2009, I was deployed to Afghanistan as technical support for the Canadian Heron UAV Detachment where I earned a Task Force Commander's Commendation for my proof-of-concept deployment of the prototypical media intelligence exploitation suite and an Air Wing Commander's Commendation for leading the effort to build the Air Wing Outdoor Gym. I spent my off-hours running the Kandahar MMA Club as Head Coach and President. At the end of my deployment, General Maynard pinned his first Campaign Star on my chest and presented me with his commendation.
5. I came back to Canada in 2010 and was posted to Tyndall AFB, FL, USA, to work in the CONUS NORAD Operational HQ. I was now a single father of two and spent my off-hours exploring Florida with my kids and coaching my daughter's cheerleading and softball. I also volunteered at lunch hours to teach combatives at the American military gym. In 2013, I was awarded the NORAD Deputy Commander's Award of Excellence for my work as an IT Project manager at the 601st Air and Space Operations Centre.
6. I was posted to Ottawa in 2014, where I worked in various positions in the National Defence Headquarters for the final seven years of my career. In 2016, I completed the 100th Annual Four Days Marches in Nijmegen, Netherlands, where I completed over 160kms of rucksack marching in four days. I was deployed to Iraq in 2019, serving primarily as the Ops Sgt-Major for the nascent HQ element in Iraq, coordinating air movements for all Canadian Troops in-country. I spent my last three years in Ottawa helping at-risk Veterans off the streets of the capital as the Chapter Lead for Ottawa Soldiers Helping Soldiers. I was medically retired in 2001 due to failing mental health as a 4-year Master Warrant Officer.
7. I moved back to the home of my heart, Cape Breton Island. Shortly after returning home, I was banned from all regular avenues for social interaction support, including from the local Legion, due to government-imposed Covid-19 restrictions and mandates.

8. When I first heard about Freedom Rights Movement, I knew I had to be involved. I travelled to Ottawa and met with my fellow Veterans at the War Monument.
9. My understanding of the origins and goals of the Freedom Rights Protest was that it arose organically, mostly over the radio networks of the professional trucker industry, with the support of ordinary Canadians across the country. I became aware that the interest grew through social media. At some point, I saw a video confirming the protest was moving ahead, but I don't recall the name of the truck driver who announced it. I understand that many other freedom groups organically coalesced - often around their respective professions - in a manner analogous to what happened with Veterans 4 Freedom (V4F). There was an Operations and Logistics Center set up in a hotel in Ottawa where many of the volunteers of these various groups handled public relations, media, communications, etc.
10. I understand that many in the movement coalesced around Tamara Lich who started the fund-raising campaign twice, raising \$10M. As I understood them, the goals were to peacefully end the covid-19 mandates, especially the covid-19 vaccine mandates at the border and for travel.
11. As I understood it, the organization of the protest was organic. Many people from communities across the country stepped up as prospective volunteers (and a few con artists). Logistics were primarily handled by the network of truckers that evolved with help from these community leaders including many Veterans who went to Ottawa and eventually founded V4F- myself included.
12. Our National War Memorial had been desecrated by the government putting up a security fence in an effort to smear the peaceful protestors. On February 13, 2022, the Veterans in Ottawa respectfully took down the temporary fence around the National War Memorial. This was organized entirely by Veterans who were offended by the fence preventing people from paying respects at our National War Memorial. Veterans in Ottawa organically chose to remove the fence, then organized a shift rotation to ensure the monument would be guarded 24/7. I was there. I have a background in military leadership, so I ran the shift schedule. This was agreed to with the OPS (the agreement was video recorded).
13. On February 18, 2022, I left the War Memorial to go down in front of the Westin to show solidarity with protestors and "Held the Line" against the oncoming police line. I spent some time in line with one fellow Veteran, Chris Deering, who was badly wounded in an IED attack in Afghanistan. As the police advanced on the peaceful protestors, Deering made a passionate plea to the better angels of the police officers' nature, as I held his broken medals aloft, as I recounted his experience being injured. Having retired as a Sgt-Maj, I firmly and appropriately dressed-down officers for their misconduct. We watched as the "police" violently brutalized their fellow peaceful Veterans. I then watched as a severely weakened Deering was brutally kneed in his back while trying to surrender, kicked in his pinned leg while grounded, punched, and his injured neck and back knelt upon. This was the exact moment when I knew that Canada, I had served for 20 years in 2 wars was no more. Canada was a country of peace, love, togetherness, and respect for human life and human rights. What I witnessed was hate, violence, torture, and cruel and inhuman treatment sponsored by the Canadian

government via the police towards peaceful protestors. I placed a gentle hand on the sleeve of a police officer, mournfully shouting, "That's a wounded Veteran! That's a wounded warrior, right there!" It was no use. Everyone there could see that the "police" had just deliberately beaten a wounded Veteran and knelt on his injured spine just to teach us all a lesson for peacefully protesting in Canada.

14. Soon after, I returned to our War Memorial with what was left of the Veterans supporting the peaceful protestors. I was later arrested at 0400 on February 19, 2022, for simply walking to the War Memorial for my 0400 sentry duty. The half dozen arresting officers took the time to mock and ridicule me while I was in handcuffs and full military medals. I consider this inhumane treatment and a violation of my charter and human rights. I refused to sign the release conditions that would have prohibited me from returning to the peaceful protest. I was then transported to the Ottawa-Carleton Correctional Facility on Innes Road. While being processed there, I was taunted, bullied, and had my service to Canada mocked by the corrections officers. I have since submitted an Access to Information Request for the audio recordings of this interaction. It was initially denied without cause and is currently under appeal. I signed the release conditions the next day after learning the protest had been cleared by the police. I believe that protestors were forcibly and violently removed, and those that left were left out of fear for their lives and livelihood. The invocation of the Emergencies Act led to gross violations of charter and human rights.

Delia Farno

Please provide your occupation:

Elementary School Teacher

Where do you live?

Toronto, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Straight white Christian woman of Italian descent

Tell us about yourself.

I'm a mom, married for 22 years, teaching for 20+ years for the TDSB in the downtown core (full-time). I help support my elderly parents who recently moved to the city after health concerns. I am lots of things to different people, but always true to myself.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

We drove to Ottawa 2ce & stayed overnight to participate. We felt our money was best spent in our own participation than in donations.

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

We were there January 29th weekend for 2 nights & again for Valentine's Day weekend for 2 nights.

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

First time around we just brought ourselves (husband & I) & our serious winter gear. Second time around we brought our son, the dog, lawn chairs, a portable stereo & about 200 handmade Valentines & Canada flag keychains for the truckers. We also brought our unbreakable spirits! Both times!

What was your role?

Encourager, sharer of smiles, observer of history

Did you come with your family?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

An overwhelmingly beautiful scene that, to this day, makes my heart swell with pride & my tears well up with emotion. Smiles, everywhere. Big dudes in overalls with rough hands and warm hugs. And... the honking! I stood in front of Parliament where the air horns were droning and the physical vibrations of those horns were, in my opinion, very healing. I have only ever experienced something like that in deep meditation with intense chanting over a long period of time. It was transcendental and I feel blessed to have experienced it. We never saw anything negative. Some kids set off a red smoke bomb around midnight on the first night, but people chased them off because no one wanted any issues with police.

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

We were not aware of any public toilets in the main core of the protest in January. We walked a fair distance away from the protest and were discreet and respectful while relieving ourselves.

Where did you walk/drive? (Street name)

We stayed/parked at a hotel near the BMW dealership, took the subway to downtown & walked up & down every street there were any trucks, multiple times on each visit.

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

We saw individual police cars blocking off areas but nothing like the huge swarms that came later. They were blocking vehicle traffic to the area in many directions, to prevent access & discourage people from getting too close.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

No

How did the government mandates affect you?

In October 2021, I was suspended for 3 days for not disclosing my vax status. I would have lost my job if I didn't declare. After the 3 days, I admitted that I hadn't submitted to the injection protocol that my employer had imposed. I then had to test (first 2ce a week, then 3x/week) & submit my results before being allowed to enter my school. My son was not able to access his music, swimming or karate lessons. I could not fly to Thunder Bay to facilitate my parents' care & ended up moving them to Toronto as I could not predict if I would be able to get to them when needed. We were refused a letter from our religious leader with regards to an exemption from the injection mandate, since he had been directed by his superiors not to write any. The closures and subsequent discrimination at restaurants, etc. took a very serious toll on my mental health. I am happy to report that it only served to strengthen my resolve and that I am feeling healthy and strong, both physically & mentally.

If you supported the protest, why?

The protest came from truly humble, grassroots, hard-working people. Truckers are the salt of the earth. I support blue collar workers & I am so grateful to have them on my side! Their lives are already difficult and made more so by way of the technocratic nonsense they are subjected to in their rigs. They stood up for me when almost no one else would. Those horns were heard around the world.

Christopher Fay

What is your age and occupation?

39, Utilities

Where do you live?

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Male

Tell us about yourself.

Freedom advocate

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer and provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GiveSendGo

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Corry Fehr

Please provide your age and occupation:

53, Electrician

Where do you live?

Ashcroft, British Columbia

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

I am a hard-working Canadian. Everything else is my own business.

Tell us about yourself.

Married, 2 adult children, 1 grandchild.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

How much did you donate?

Scared to have my accounts frozen

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates, I believe the Government went too far, and I could not travel to Ottawa

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Richard Fendley

What is your age and occupation?

40, Firefighter

Where do you live?

Georgetown, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Caucasian Canadian heterosexual

Tell us about yourself.

Farther, partner, firefighter, volunteer, son, brother, caretaker, friend.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Rebecca Ferland

Please provide your age and occupation:

40, Registered Mail

Where do you live?

Onoway, Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian, Christian, middle class, heterosexual

Tell us about yourself.

RN for 16 years, wife to welder. Mom to two beautiful children

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated by e-transfer

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Samantha Field LaSalle

1. In 2020, when this all started, I had a 6-year-old, a 5-year-old, and a 9-month-old old.
2. The ones in school struggled in social settings prior to the pandemic but having them cover their face with masks made it worse. They couldn't see their teacher's smiles, they weren't allowed to play closely with their friends, they couldn't do group work, and they had to split lunch times in half to ensure only half the class was unmasked at one time. My daughter would come home with a lot of food and say she didn't have time to eat it.
3. All the rules in 2020 and the beginning of 2021, were inconvenient but manageable in the face of "getting through this and keeping those at risk safe". I was on maternity leave so even though I disagreed with online schooling for the kids, especially with a toddler running around, our family was able to cope. It was very evident how detrimental learning in front of a screen for 6+ hours a day was for the kids.
4. Another annoyance was when I had a baby in 2021. I was fortunate to have a midwife and went the home-birth route so wasn't restricted by limited people at the birth. But they did want me and my husband to wear a mask, and they said they couldn't assist with delivering the baby if we did it in the tub because they can't touch water. Something to do with covid being transferred through fecal matter which could go into the water, and if the PPE got wet it would be ineffective. Ultimately it actually worked out well because I delivered the baby in the tub and my husband help bring our baby girl into this world.
5. When stuff really affected us was in September of 2021. I chose not to be vaccinated because I was breastfeeding, and I also looked at the data and saw that I was at a very low risk. At this time the vaccine passport was introduced. I had to either get the shots or not be allowed to go to restaurants, movies, and so on, not able to cross the border, or get on a plane or train, pull my young kids from hockey because I couldn't send them in alone, had to withdraw from 2 hockey coaching positions, and couldn't play hockey myself.
6. After having a baby I was looking forward to socializing and getting exercise by playing hockey with my friends so it sucked to be excluded. It was also hard to pull my kids from activities and feel like it's my fault. Like our problems (granted they were unjustifiably created by people in power) could all go away if I just got the shot.
7. Ultimately, I would never choose social pressures or getting "privileges" over my health and morals. It was challenging to bring our young family on a trip and be denied a seat at a restaurant because I wasn't vaccinated. It was humiliating and degrading. It was not a good feeling. Another thing that really sucked was the tension and issues it caused amongst some family and friends.

8. I was fortunate to have support from the people who really matter to me but there were some family that treated us differently. Red flags came up when they say the shots are safe and effective and these mandates are saving lives yet I have friends and family who are having new medical issues, I had a friend who had a stillbirth at 32 weeks, I had a sibling get swollen lymph nodes in their armpits, I had a friend's husband get diagnosed with myocarditis, I have an aunt who was losing her hair after the second shot. Just so many scary things happening to people around me.
9. I have nothing against the vaccine, my issue is with people in power coercing other people into taking experimental drug. What happened to bodily autonomy, informed consent, and our charter of rights and freedoms? Or better yet, what happened to common sense?
10. These past 2 years have been a nightmare at times and the Freedom Convoy brought me hope for the first time and I really thank you for that!

Stephanie Fischer

1. I am writing to express why the Covid mandates and lockdown have disrupted my life.
2. First, my father lost his job in January 2021 because of the mandates, and I just couldn't believe that this was possible.
3. Secondly, I was in the middle of my 2nd year in university, and when the mandates came into place, I had to make a choice. If I was to take the vaccine, I could continue and go into my 3rd year, but I refused it and had to pause school (not by choice). I felt lost and alone because I did not know what to do next. All my peers and friends took it, so they did not understand why I refused it.
4. Even some family members of mine started judging me and my parents.
5. Today, I keep on questioning my future because the mandates are still present.
6. The Freedom Convoy really gave me an opportunity to say no to the mandates. Being in Ottawa in the middle of winter with everybody being kind and positive, has really opened my eyes. It showed me that I was not alone. Freedom of choice, to choose what you want to do with your body is a human right. Nobody should be able to take that right away.
7. I am beyond thankful for the truckers, the convoy organizers, and all supporters (like James Topp).
8. I will keep on standing with them and forever remember what they have done for us! They have given me hope!

Lori Fizzard

Please provide age and occupation:

63, Disabled

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian Christian

Tell us about yourself.

I have Abetalipoproteinemia.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Shawn Folkes

1. I am 54 years old, African Canadian. Before the lockdowns, I was a business owner who owned and operated a gym in the City of Oshawa, Ontario.
2. Both of my parents immigrated to Canada from Jamaica. I was born and raised in Canada and attended the University of Toronto and, recently, Durham College. My father's Alma mater is the University of Toronto, where he graduated summa cum laude with a Ph.D. in English (he is also the founding father of Reggae).
3. My sister is the head of Canada's acquisitions and procurements department and runs our fighter jet capability program. She owns a home in Ottawa; however, she currently resides in the District of Columbia, where her work has taken her, so I have intimate knowledge of the city as I lived there for a year in 2012.
4. I am the Canadian High Jump Champion for my age group and was on the Canadian Junior Olympic Team as a teenager. My entire family has devoted their lives to public service. I care about this Country, this is my Country, our Country.
5. Prior to Covid-19, I owned a gym in the City of Oshawa, and due to my business being classified as "non-essential," I lost my business. I could not afford to pay rent with no income coming into the business. This was not only my business, but I also opened my doors to the homeless at night to stay warm. I would allow 9 to 11 people per night, and during the time I had my gym, I assisted many homeless people in entering rehab facilities.
6. I started a drop-in center with my friend in Oshawa called the Foundation of Hope Christian Drop-In Center. During the lockdowns, we experienced a huge increase in overdoses at our center. Just in one day, we had 11 people overdose. Global News interviewed me during this time, but my interview never aired. Most of those who overdosed in our city have passed through the centre, and it was there that I often found those in need of shelter.

My Experience in Ottawa

7. I initially wanted to go to the Protest for one day to see what was going on firsthand. I had no intention of staying more than one day. On January 29th and 30th, I went to the Protest with a friend and his children. When we returned home and turned on the news, I heard what they were saying, and it did not match what we had witnessed while we were there.
8. On the news, they spoke about the man with the Nazi flag, and I knew what they were saying was wrong because I was one of the people who witnessed this event. I lost my friends while there because I went after the man with the flag to see why he was there. When I got within five feet of him, he pulled down the flag and stuffed it into his coat. I heard him say that this is what our future

flag would be if the government continued on its path. It made perfect sense to me because only 75 meters away, there were other people with signs showing Trudeau in a SS outfit with a Hitler mustache painted on a "WANTED" poster. This was when I lost my friends as I was keen to see whom it belonged to, thinking it was a white supremacist. He was indeed white, but definitely not a supremacist. He was warning us

9. I returned with the intention of recording and showing my friends the real story. I wasn't there for either side but rather acted as a liaison between the truckers and the police. At one point, I told locals, who didn't seem to be fans of the Convoy, that I didn't care if they were for us or against us but said they should thank the police for being there. These people came and hugged me.
10. The unexpected was happening at the Protest. I have footage attached to my Statement showing some protestors calling for the police to remove other protestors. Also, a man on the main stage said we care about the public's safety and said to cooperate with the police. Apparently, someone parked within the Convoy made others feel unsafe, and the Convoy did not want ANYONE to feel threatened in any way. This was prima facie evidence that peace and safety were of top priority. As was said: if we do not operate safely, we are not welcome.
11. I also have attached footage of people at businesses saying they were told not to come to work because of the situation, but once they arrived, they couldn't understand why they were being told not to stay open.
12. On January 30th, I spoke on the main stage, and the footage is attached to this Statement. The same day, I locked my keys in my vehicle, and CAA refused to come to Rideau and Charlotte to assist me. There was no one in the streets that night, and the streets were clear for CAA to get to me, but they still refused.
13. A letter that a local Ottawa resident was handing out, attached, was given to me, which stated that he supported what was happening and that if we needed anything, to contact him.
14. One day, I went to find food but discovered people hauling gas to vehicles, so I spent the next three hours bringing gas to people in vehicles so they could stay warm. When I was getting tired, an 8-year-old boy handed me some food to eat that he had made me on a BBQ because he saw that I was exhausted. The media has lied about the Canadian spirit.
15. I care about the truth being told about what happened down at the Protest. I witnessed Canadians, including Quebecois and Albertans coming together, walking hand in hand, and I personally walked senior citizens to their homes in Ottawa.

16. I received money from a few people on the street but spent that money on buying food for the homeless. We also sent food as far as Sudbury because of the overflow of food donations. We eventually had to send food to shelters outside of Ottawa because we had sent some to every shelter in the City of Ottawa.
17. I received a \$250 fine for parking while I attended the Protest, which I subsequently paid.
18. I was in Ottawa on February 18th on the frontline when the police made their first push. They had tear gas canisters and huge guns, and I also saw snipers on the roofs. I left when I saw police in green outfits with a small patch of "Quebec" on the left sleeve.
19. Even if this was considered an illegal occupation, I wanted to be there because, for the first time in my life, I was looked at as one thing, as a Canadian and not a nigger. If I went home, I would once again be a nigger. Racism in Canada is real; I have experienced it my entire life. During this Protest, it didn't matter what race you were. We came together and united as Canadians. This experience changed my life. I watched racism melt in front of my eyes. Nobody cared if you were gay, black, white, or brown, just that you were a Canadian.
20. I previously attended the bicentennial in Ottawa, with Parliament lit up, and I remember feeling so proud to be Canadian. Still, this experience doesn't even come close to how proud I felt to be a Canadian during the Convoy.

Mathieu Forget

Please provide your age and occupation:

39, Heavy Equipment Operator

Where do you live?

Ottawa

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

White male. Born and raised in a small northern Ontario town.

Tell us about yourself.

Husband and father of 3. Rotational worker. Wife is stay at home mom so we can raise our children the old fashion way. Just your regular, middle-class Canadian tired of government overreach and tired of seeing my tax dollars being spent on everything but things that help my family.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor and provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

Everyday for the duration of the protest

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Peace, love, Canadian flag. Food and supplies

What was your role?

Just showed up for support

Did you donate food or supplies?

Both

Did you come with your family?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (Peace, hate, flags etc.)

I saw the most beautiful thing in the world. I never in my life thought so many people from different walks of life gather peacefully to deliver the same message. I saw no violence until the police started it. All I saw was a bunch of broken souls just trying to be heard.

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

Could not easily access. Good thing I am a resident of the city and know a few people in the downtown core. The police refused to let the sanitary trucks in to service portable washrooms.

Where did you walk/drive? (Street name)

All streets with protesters on them.

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

They were all over during the protest. They were especially present after the emergency act was invoked.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

Yes

If yes, were you beaten by the police? (Explain, snatched, zipped tied, driven away)

No stayed out of arms reach.

What were the police wearing? What did they use to beat you? (rifle, stick etc.)

Full riot gear and most not even wearing identification.

How did the government mandates affect you?

I had to take the 2 shots to avoid a transfer and almost 50% pay cut. Did not want it but I'm the only one making money in our household. The rest of my family chose not to take vaccine, so we were deeply affected. Prime minister said it. Not sure if my family will be tolerated in Canadian society. MSM news wanted them force vaccinated or denied health care. I think you now understand how it affected us because I can go on, but I think you got the idea

If you supported the protest, why?

I strongly supported the convoy and why? The Canadians charter of freedoms and rights. To me that is the most powerful paper in parliament and our current government have been using it to wife the toilets at parliament. The government needs to remember that Canadians don't work for them. They work for Canadians

Leanna Forsythe

What is your age and occupation?

62, Retired System Analyst

Where do you live?

Bashaw, Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian Catholic middle classes woman wife mother grandmother

Tell us about yourself.

I grew up in BC moved to Alberta for opportunities 20 years ago. Worked for years love to travel.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated by e-transfer

How much did you donate?

\$1-\$25

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Isabelle Fournier

Please provide your age and occupation:

38, Recruitment Specialist Transportation

Where do you live?

Quebec

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Native, Canadian, female

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor and provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated by e-transfer

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far and I believe in ending all the mandates

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

Day 1 for 5 days

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Family, friends and a big heart filled with hopes and dreams of a future where my son can play with his school friends and see them smile

What was your role?

Organizer

Did you donate food or supplies?

Yes

Did you come with your family?

Yes

Were you ever threatened by social services to have your children removed?

Directly no - indirectly yes

Were you ever threatened that your dog would be put down?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Hope!!!

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

There were none and the people of Ottawa refused entry into restaurants because we were not wearing face masks

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

Rideau

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Everywhere. At first officers were happy to see us and helpful. Once Trudeau and the msm started telling lies, police got very pushy and tried to keep us away.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

Yes

If yes, were you beaten by the police? (explain, snatched, zipped tied, driven away)

No

What were the police wearing? What did they use to beat you? (rifle, stick etc.)

Swat gear, no name tags, rifles, helmets, face coverings. Glasses. Anything to hide their identity

How did the government mandates affect you?

My job was trying to pressure me to get a medical procedure which I did not consent to, due to lack of disclosure. My coworkers saying CPS should take my children away because I am not responsible enough to get the vaccine, so I shouldn't have kids. My father died without being allowed to see his 3 children at the same time. We were pulled over on our way to the funeral home because of the travel ban. We were unable to hold a service for him because of the restrictive funeral policies. I saw my child suffer and lose hope, become depressed and stop caring for anything because the government closed his school and then forced him to wear a mask - which made him dizzy and sick.

If you supported the protest, why?

Hope. It gave me hope

Renee Fournier

What is your age and occupation:

52, Credit Analyst

Where do you live?

Acton, ON

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian

Tell us about yourself.

I am a very independent thinker, health oriented. I try to avoid processed food, I don't drink, and I don't take any kind of medication. I enjoy the outdoors.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor and provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns and Government overreach

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GiveSendGo

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

Saturday February 19th for approximately two to three hours

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

I went with my husband. We did not bring anything (flags or protest signs)

What was your role?

Protester

Did you donate food or supplies?

No

Did you come with your family?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

We had to walk from Gatineau. Almost all of the truckers had left by then. There were a few thousands (I'm guessing) protestors left. There were two areas where they were facing off with what looked like soldiers (apologies, I can't remember the street names/intersections). There were armored vehicles and you could see the sound cannons. Some protesters stated that the weapons had been used earlier and some had been pepper sprayed, but we didn't observe these weapons being used when we were there. The demonstrators were all peaceful. It was just nice to talk to other people that understood what is actually going on in the world. We left, with the intention of going back on Sunday but later that night heard that everything had been cleared.

Where did you walk/drive? (Street name)

I can't remember all the street names I'm not familiar with the area. We just followed where there were people

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Yup. We had to cross police blockades to walk from Gatineau but we were not stopped.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

Yes

What were the police wearing? What did they use to beat you? (rifle, stick etc.)

The "police" downtown looked more like soldiers?

How did the government mandates affect you?

I was unable to go to restaurants. I was not permitted to enter arenas, gyms, library. I was unable to fly or leave the country. If my mom had gotten sick, I would not be able to visit her in the hospital. My husband was about to lose his job. Worse than all that, was the hateful rhetoric against "the unvaxxed". I felt extremely isolated and depressed at how gleefully people were enjoying scapegoating the unvaxxed. I could not concentrate on work. I could not sleep. I was literally wondering what would happen to my house, my pets and all my "stuff" when they would come to take us away to the death camps.

If you supported the protest, why?

I donated to the go fund me (got refunded) as well as the give send go (also got a refund) because I wanted to support the truckers.

Alycia Fowler-McKeown and Soungui Koulamallah

1. We are Ottawa residents. We live downtown on Kent Street within the red zone and we own a private gym and wellness facility on Bank street also within the red zone.
2. During the pandemic neighbors called bylaw on us multiple times because we kept our business open. This caused us to feel unsafe, not because of covid-19 but because of threats from our neighbors and intimidation from the government imposing fines or jail time for operating (\$100,000 or up to 1 year in jail).
3. When the bylaw was called on us, we had a meeting with the officer. He stated that as long as we had the proper signage up, we took precautions, and had everyone sign waivers we would be okay to remain open because we were a private facility.
4. We worked hard to keep our facility clean, and only permitted one or two people to train at a time. Everyone had to schedule private sessions so we could manage the flow of clients.
5. We never had a case of covid-19 spread at our gym.
6. Our members made themselves clear: they told us that they needed to access our gym for both physical and mental health reasons. Without access to the gym, they wouldn't know what to do and would be in mental distress especially during the winter months when being outside is cold and difficult.
7. We felt it was unjustified to forcefully close small businesses like ours while allowing large retail giants such as Walmart and Costco to remain open. If we closed, it would have completely taken us out of business, our passion, our work, and our livelihood.
8. As a new, small business, we were doing our best to help people achieve happier and healthier lives. No one listened and politicians and government workers didn't care because they were still being paid.
9. When we heard about the protestors coming to Ottawa, we agreed and understood the needs of our fellow Canadians to drive to Ottawa to protest the covid-19 mandates at the federal level because no one listened to our cries.
10. Because of what we saw in the media, we couldn't believe what we saw, so we went out to downtown Ottawa to see what was happening ourselves.
11. During all our experiences at the Ottawa protest we were never faced with any aggression from any of the protesters at any point. We never saw any acts of violence, acts of racism, or acts of a

homophobic nature from the protestors in Ottawa. The only aggressions we saw were from locals that were protesting and acting out against the protestors.

12. When we spoke to the protestors, we were met with encouragement from everyone. We saw smiles, hugs, and people helping one another and communicating with one another in positive and kind ways.
13. We heard the honking at our house and our gym, but when we were not outside it was not that bad. We also noticed that protestors were offering earplugs to people for free if they needed them.

Timeline of when we went down to the Ottawa protest

14. On Friday, January 28th, 2022, in the afternoon and in the evening throughout downtown at night to see what was going on. We walked outside our condo to see trucks and other vehicles honking and driving down Kent street towards the parliament.
15. On January 29th and 30th, 2022, we walked again into the core to do the same thing, to observe the protest.
16. On January 31st, 2022, we started doing “trash walks” because the media reports were saying that the downtown core was dirty. We saw protestors shoveling snow and picking up garbage around the trucks and placed in black bags by trash cans. We picked up a sign that said: “Honk if you have a small dick.”
17. On February 3rd, 2022, we went about our daily patrol. I witnessed what looked like an Ottawa resident with a mask on screaming at truckers to go the fuck home and sticking up the middle finger at protestors. The protestor did not engage back.
18. On February 4th, 2022, on our daily patrol, we saw eggs being thrown from high balconies at 174 bank street onto the protestors. The protestors did not engage back. We had a chance to speak with one of the protestors whose truck was being egged from that balcony. They mentioned that as they were driving to Ottawa, they saw all of the children and adults who were standing along the overpasses, smiling and waving, with an overwhelming sense of encouragement.
19. Alycia’s mother works for the federal government and was told there were massive amounts of human excrement on Kent and Slater streets. Because we live on Slater we went to check if that was true, however, we did not see any evidence of this. We called this the “poo patrol day”.
20. We witnessed lots of free food being given out every day but on this day, there was a group of 4 protestors that specifically come up to Soungui when he was walking by himself to offer him food. We witnessed protestors shoveling snow, playing hockey in the streets, kids on bouncy castles, people dancing, and a pride flag was spotted amongst the protestors.

21. On February 5th, 2022, we saw a dance party on the streets.
22. On February 6th, 2022, we saw protestors giving away more free food, dancing, and flowers on Terry Fox memorial.
23. On February 7th, 2022, the streets were quiet even though there were trucks and vehicles were still there.
24. On February 8th, 2022, we did not go out downtown.
25. On February 9th, 2022, we found a sign that said: 'Honk if you have a micro penis garbage picked up.' It was quiet that night and looked like some trucks have been removed. We met many local residents who went out to see what was going on. We saw that a table with a sign that said "Conversation table" was set up in front of parliament to promote dialogue.
26. We again spotted a pride flag at the protest.
27. On February 10th, 2022, while Alycia was walking alone at night she stopped to chat with a trucker who was parked on Kent street, and in his passenger seat was a homeless man. This homeless man told her how this trucker was a godsend to him because he had been not only feeding him but allowing him to stay in his truck to warm up, take off his boots and get his feet dry. He said that for the entire time that these truckers are here, he's been getting free meals and accommodation and that he was so thankful for the kindness of these people.
28. Around February 11th - 12th, 2022, Alycia witnessed police confiscating firewood, which is a source of warmth, and food, other items from trucks parked outside a church on Kent street.
29. After February 14th, 2022, we continued our daily walks, but not to parliament as we did not want to be around after the Emergencies Act was invoked. We no longer felt safe in our own city because of the strong law enforcement in our neighborhood and the thought that the police would use violence to make protesters leave and it very much scared us.

Sharon Fraboni

What is your age and occupation?

66

Where do you live?

Campbell River, BC

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

BC is beautiful

Tell us about yourself.

I believe in our right to Freedom of Speech, power of the Canadian people

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer and I supported without being present.

Why were you involved in the Protest?

Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, Enough is enough, and to end mandates/End lockdowns

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate.

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No.

Anne Marie Freeman

What is your age and occupation:

59, retired Canada Post worker

Where do you live?

Bayfield, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian

Tell us about yourself.

Mother of 2, gave 25 years of service to Canada Post, taxpayer, home owner

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns and Government overreach

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GiveSendGo

How much did you donate?

1-25

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

The first weekend when we rolled in and convoyed from London to Ottawa, 4 beautiful days. Then returned the last couple of days, after the emergency act was in acted, to help hold the line and show my support, and to witness how the government brought in the military to threaten peace protesters

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Traveled with 3 friends and just warm clothes.

What was your role?

The witness and participate in peaceful action, and to join together with Canadians from coast to coast.

Did you donate food or supplies?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Peace, love , community, friendship, beautiful messages of hope, the freedom to hug my fellow Canadians

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

Yes, however they blocked off the parliamentary washrooms after the first day

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

Parliament hill, and the main road and to the Alt hotel

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Yes, but it was so sad and worse at the end, it was terrifying how they corralled us, tear gas, high pitch frequency sounds and large military drones

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

Yes

If yes, were you beaten by the police? (explain, snatched, zipped tied, driven away)

No physical contact, but I was verbally harassed and intimidated and felt threatened

What were the police wearing? What did they use to beat you? (rifle, stick etc.)

There were regular police and then all sorts of different military outfits and heavy gear

How did the government mandates affect you?

I was placed out of work after 25 years, I was banned from travel and to socialize. I lost family and friends, we all suffered.

If you supported the protest, why?

I was proud that Canadians from coast to coast were finally coming together to say enough, we want our Canada back and our sovereignty



Kathy Friesen

Please provide your age and occupation:

61, Retired

Where do you live?

Morden, Manitoba

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Caucasian female, middle class, straight

Tell us about yourself.

A people-loving person who wants the old Canada back.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Micah Frith

Please provide your age and occupation:

30, Engineer

Where do you live?

Nova Scotia

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Christian, European heritage

Tell us about yourself.

I enjoy outdoor hobbies and mechanics

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

People were being forced to take a novel and experimental medical technology, on threat of losing their livelihood or ability to see family, and I completely disagree with that.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Helene Gamache

Please provide your age and occupation:

63, Medical Office

Where do you live?

Rockland, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

A French-Canadian peace and love, freedom kind of person

Tell us about yourself.

I was a hard-working person, lost my job because of my health choice

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor and provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, enough is enough, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Government overreach

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated by e-transfer

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

On a Saturday when lots of Dr's and police officers

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

We gave propane gas tank in Embrun, Ontario

What was your role?

Just an attendee trying to find the truth

Did you donate food or supplies?

Yes

Did you come with your family?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

We felt that we were not alone, the energy was so positive we enjoyed with friends and family

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

The toilets were so full

Where did you walk/drive? (Street name)

Dalhousie, Sussex, Wellington

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

At Sussex and Wellington

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

No





I HAVE FOUR
CHILDREN
JUSTIN: GIVE ME
BACK MY **JOB**

John Garzon

Please provide your age and occupation:

51, Owner/Operator of Decontamination Cleaning Business

Where do you live?

Oro Medonte, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian, Latino, Catholic, male.

Tell us about yourself.

I am freedom loving Canadian. That is concerned in the direction this country is going. I love the outdoors, work hard and play hard. Believe in choice and the importance of taking care of yourself.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor and provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

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How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believed in their cause and since the truckers were sacrificing so much that was the least I could do.

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

Feb 5 ,6 11, 12

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Clothing flag and money for the stay.

What was your role?

To peacefully protest and have my voice heard.

Did you donate food or supplies?

Yes

Did you come with your family?

Yes

Were you ever threatened that your dog would be put down?

No but I did hear about it and was appalling.

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (Peace, hate, flags, etc.)

It was the most wonderful peaceful, loving, flags, beautiful smiles, spirituality, teamwork, kids having fun it was an incredible experience.

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

Yes. By the brave business that allowed it.

Where did you walk/drive? (Street name)

Bank St, Wellington St

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Yes. The had concrete barriers and blocked roads with vehicles.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

No



Thank
You!!!

THANKS
SO MUCH!!

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THANK YOU

Thank you
for fighting for my
freedom!

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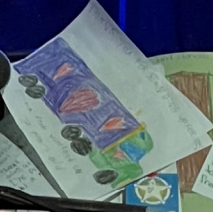


Thank You
TRUCKERS!



Great job!
Go Truckers!

Go Truckers!



Thank you
for fighting
for my freedom!

THANK YOU

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Stephen Getty

What is your age and occupation:

35, building supplies retail & details

Where do you live?

Wheatly, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Christian, rural

Tell us about yourself.

I grew up in a stable family, under strong Christian influence, reading books instead of watching television. I went to public school, where I was initially considered a 'gifted' student and placed in an enriched program. But my scholastic enthusiasm waned (post-secondary education was never an ambition of mine), and by the end of over 4 years in secondary school, I was happy to drop out and enter the blue-collar workforce. I worked in a factory through my twenties but eventually sought greener employment pastures than a consistent night shift. I have remained single and have not yet made a move to leave my parents' house. I enjoy adventuring with my older brother (snowboarding and other road trips), and computer gaming in turns. Politics were uninteresting to me until news of Brexit sparked a new curiosity, which has grown into a significant preoccupation with the populist vs. globalist political struggle in its various manifestations. I side with the populists.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor, as an observer, provided financial support, and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

I donated Cash

How much did you donate?

100-500

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

February 5-6 (most of the day and into the night, leaving to lodge just outside the city at about 2 am) and February 19 from late morning into the evening.

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Some extra clothes, blankets, and sleeping bags for the overnight stay, Canada flags, and cash for a donation, and a box of toiletries & socks for donation on behalf of local friends who could not make the trip up to Ottawa.

What was your role?

No specialized role. Just generally supportive of the protest.

Did you donate food or supplies?

Yes, supplies

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Canada flags were ubiquitous. I saw festive patriotism, hope, and tolerance in abundance (notably, francophone protesters from Quebec permeated the crowd and those old animosities were greatly suppressed). Hatred seemed to be banished unless it was a general hatred of tyranny. But there was also paranoia, fatigue, and outrage in response to hostile police actions (which were broadly considered as heavy-handed and/or made in bad faith) and the snubbing of protest representatives' pleas for dialogue & parlay with government representatives.

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

Wellington, Bank, and Queen

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Yes. Uh. Oh. Where to begin? They were all over the downtown on the Feb. 5 weekend, and much more so during the Feb. 19 weekend.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

Yes

If yes, were you beaten by the police? (explain, snatched, zipped tied, driven away)

No. Only shoved and pepper-sprayed.

What were the police wearing? What did they use to beat you? (rifle, stick etc.)

There was a variety of equipment and uniforms worn. Some had identifying badges, and some did not. They used batons.

How did the government mandates affect you?

The protest was, to me, representative of hope for Canada, which I reckoned to be in grave danger of devolving into totalitarianism and possibly even genocide.

If you supported the protest, why?

I was forced to quit my job after making a stand as a conscientious objector to forced masking and finding almost no room allowed for my conviction. Being resolved to maintain my civil disobedience but loathe to seek or invite confrontation, I settled into a self-imposed exile from public society, not setting foot into a store or restaurant for about a year. Being denied international travel prevented me from attending funerals or visiting loved ones in Michigan. The escalation of rhetoric and mandates concerning covid shots (which I declined) alienated and alarmed me, inspiring resentment and anxiety about the future, up to the point of contemplating a possibly imminent flight to the USA, seeking political asylum.

Gaby Giasson

What is your age and occupation:

47, Admin Payroll specialist

Where do you live?

Miramichi area, NB

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian citizen, open to all cultures, believer in equality not classes, highly spiritual but not religiously affiliated, woman active in LGBTQ+ community in my youth, bachelor's degree.

Tell us about yourself.

I am a person who is passionate about equality and who had the opportunity to travel and live outside Canada. I have experienced other cultures and believe that diversity enriches a society. I have meaningful relationships with people from different cultures and the LGBTQ+ community. I am on a spiritual path that is not supported by an organized religion. I have a bachelor's degree in Math-Economy. I am an admin / payroll professional and sole provider of a family of 5. I was working for the Public Service Pay Centre in Miramichi.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Why did you donate?

Did not donate, but I do believe the government went too far.

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Joshua Ginou

1. I'm 47, live in Toronto, and own an event broadcasting business. I was also the head coach (volunteer) of the women's varsity squash team at the University of Toronto for 5 years until I resigned when they introduced a mandatory vaccination policy.
2. I supported the truckers because their fight was my fight. I did not receive the covid vaccination and opposed the mandates.
3. I attended the Ottawa protest between January 29 and February 12. In terms of what I witnessed at the protest, I noticed right away and throughout the entire protest that both the police and the truckers made safety their number one priority. The cooperation between the police and truckers was seen by everyone and resulted in a relaxed (albeit loud) protest. It was not a police versus truckers scenario.
4. I noticed as the days went on the police were dividing the protest grounds with barriers. The one large mass of trucks was becoming many, smaller groups.
5. This divide and conquer strategy seemed to be working as each day there were more sections and fewer trucks. After a couple of weeks, it looked to me that the protest would be over soon and so I left (before the act was invoked).
6. I was surprised when the Emergencies Act was invoked because the protest was not violent.

I witnessed the truckers establish emergency lanes



I witnessed the truckers keeping the protest grounds cleared of snow and trash



I witnessed the truckers respecting our monument





I witnessed the truckers providing a safe and fun environment for kids

I witnessed the truckers giving away food



I witnessed the truckers being supported by the police



I witnessed the truckers waving Canadian flags



And I witnessed the truckers protesting

Barbara Glassford

What is your age and occupation:

Retired

Where do you live?

Harrison Hot Springs, BC

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Caucasian female born in Canada

Tell us about yourself.

I hate the way our country has changed. I hate the Woke ways. I fear we are being manipulated into extinction

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Dristan Glis

Please provide your age, and occupation:

35, Cabinetmaker

Where do you live?

Apsley

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor, as an observer, and provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

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How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Peace and love

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

Downtown

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Yes, everywhere

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

Yes

What were the police wearing? What did they use to beat you? (rifle, stick etc.)

Chaki and uniform

How did the government mandates affect you?

Loss of freedom of movement.

If you supported the protest, why?

Human rights are given from God, not man.

Donaleen Glosser

Please provide your age and occupation:

72, Retired

Where do you live?

West Kelowna, British Columbia

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Born raised in Canada. Came from a typical family unit that valued family and friends. Sunday dinners with each other after church. Supported our country

Tell us about yourself.

I'm a mother of three daughters and four grandchildren. I worked in the oil and gas industry for approx. 25 years. I value family and friends

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Diana Gluting

What is your age and occupation:

51, CAPI

Where do you live?

Petersfield

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

I am Canadian

Tell us about yourself.

An individual slandered by the Prime minister, a vaccine injured who was forcefully coerced and had my job held hostage if I would not take the chance with my life and get the second jab. I did not take the second but the fed government job is still trying to get me to take it. My hours were cut from 60 hours per week to 0 to 4 hours a week. Yet I'm supposed to live with that because I'm not allowed to fully do my job. Now they want me to go back like they never treated me like a pariah. I am a wife, a mother and grandmother who's extended family excluded her from all events including funerals and holidays. I was not allowed to visit my father in the hospital for 8 months.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns and Government overreach

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

25-100

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates, I believe the Government went too far, and I could not travel to Ottawa.

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Eve Glynis

What is your age and occupation?

55, Domestic Engineer

Where do you live?

British Columbia

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

White, pioneer business family, grandmother

Tell us about yourself.

I believe we should defund government pensions, based on inaction and false lies to the people they serve in all levels

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

Government overreach and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Tina Gonnermann

Where do you live?

Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

A Gramma.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Dylan Gordon

Please provide your age and occupation:

25, Student

Where do you live?

Guelph, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Polish, lower-middle class, spiritual, straight

Tell us about yourself.

Former Trudeau voter turned conservative because of COVID. Refused to get vaccinated. Made completing school, getting work, and being close with family difficult. Looking to start my life on the right foot. Don't know why the government is out to get me.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Cash

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

Start to finish

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Clothes, food, friends, music equipment to play in the street, generator, corn boilers, hot chocolate to share with other protesters

What was your role?

My friends and I ran a food stand in front of parliament

Did you donate food or supplies?

Yes. Just hot chocolate powder

Did you come with your family?

No

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Peace and love. The government had kept people apart for 2 years. For once it felt like we were coming together again. The most positive and meaningful experience of my life. Also met my girlfriend! 8 months strong!!

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

Public toilets were available during the day. Porta-potties were brought in at one point but they quickly filled up 🤢. Otherwise just held it until we got back to the Airbnb.

Where did you walk/drive? (Street name)

Walked along Wellington Street daily

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Police were 100% responsible for all the blockages. You're going to want speak with the owner of the Creperie Rim downtown Ottawa. He was carrying ingredients into work since the police wouldn't let him drive supplies in himself

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

Yes

If yes, were you beaten by the police? (explain, snatched, zipped tied, driven away)

I was on the front line. Was pushed around a lot by police. Police did hurt my friend. They pulled her hat over her eyes then grabbed her by the hair trying to pull her behind their lines. She got away.

What were the police wearing? What did they use to beat you? (rifle, stick etc.)

Police who hurt me and my friends were in green uniforms. No badge ID numbers. Many were wearing masks too for some reason lol. My mom said they are the Quebec Surrets. Warned that they are much more nasty then Ontario police. Was pushed around with a police baton. Earplugs + tissues were being past to everyone out of fear police were going to use an LRAD on us. What's funny is people stayed anyway knowing they might forever lose their hearing.

How did the government mandates affect you?

Lost friends. Lost my first "real" job with marketing company since they demanded you be vaccinated to join their team. Was terrified I was going to be expelled from school. Haven't seen my grandparents in two years. I can't but help saving money to prepare for what the government does to us next in the winter.

If you supported the protest, why?

To finally be heard. For years it felt like you couldn't disagree with the government without risk of losing everything (reputation, job, friends, etc.). I first went to the protest to fight against the mandates. I stayed because I was having way too much fun. The people were so kind, like-minded and generous. It felt like I was at a music festival. You could strike up a conversation with anyone.



Linda Jean Green

Please provide your age and occupation:

53, Unemployed

Where do you live?

Burin, Newfoundland

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Married White Christian Middle Class female

Tell us about yourself.

I am a Wife, Mother, GrandMother, Great GrandMother, Sister & Daughter. I love my family. I Love being Canadian (born & raised) I am very ashamed of my government. I would consider myself "Awake". I am against all vaccines. I want my "old" Canada back & I fear for my children & grandchildren, who must grow up in "my" Country!!

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer and supported without being present. I shared the events on my social media platforms & spoke to my friends & family about what was happening in our Country

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Diane Dawtrey Grimsby

1. These lockdowns had a huge impact on my family.
2. My 92-year-old mother is in a long-term care home in Burlington, Ont. My 89-year-old father lives alone and has been visiting her every day since she's been in the home. He spent 4-5 hours with her every day as they have been married for 67 years and have never been apart until lockdowns. Suddenly he was denied access but could view his wife (who is almost blind), through a window. He couldn't talk to her, or play favorite music, or feed her, brush her hair, hug her or hold her hand. He also has limited mobility and he had to stand outside and look at her. That was the extent of his visits. Her Alzheimer's got exponentially worse in his absence, and he began suffering from depression.
3. Being apart took a huge toll on him. When he was finally allowed to visit her, not only did he have to endure daily intrusive testing (even though he's fully vaxxed and so is she), but he had to wear full PPE including mask, glasses, gown and gloves. As this was too much for him due to the warm temperature and his COPD, he cut his visits to 20 minutes.
4. This was and still is the disgusting treatment of our elderly. The rest of the family (5 siblings) were similarly denied visits to my mom. The rules changed slightly over time, but never to the point where we were free to visit our parents together.
5. I applauded the truckers in Ottawa and the "Freedom Convoy" and hoped that our government would see fit to relax some of their draconian measures. I was appalled at the treatment of these people and disgusted when the Emergency Act was invoked.

Nancy Gross

Please provide your age:

59, Retired

Where do you live?

Swift Current, Saskatchewan

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian, female, protestant, middle class

Tell us about yourself.

Retired labour's relations consultant

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present and provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

Government overreach, End mandates/End lockdowns, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

How much did you donate?

\$1-\$25

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe the Government went too far, and I believe in ending all the mandates

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Pat Guillemín

What is your age and occupation:

56, Executive Admin

Where do you live?

Regina, SK

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Hard working, dependable, honest, compassionate, dedicated wife, mom, grandma. Love helping others in the community. Love meeting with family. Christian Catholic.

Tell us about yourself.

I'm always striving to be the best person, mom, wife, daughter, worker I can be. I love music...singing/choir and going to Irish and other concerts with friends and hubby. Love camping and travelling western Canada, the States and Mexico. Passionate about supporting our community and local small business. Have worked in Admin/Regulatory for 31 years. Have raised four amazing children. Have lived on a farm and in the city. It's been a struggle making ends meet and ensuring a good retirement. With my extremely hard-working husband.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Kimberly Gutsche

Please provide your age and occupation:

44, Change Management Professional

Where do you live?

Edmonton, Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

I am a heterosexual, middle class woman of Ukrainian decent. I am a spiritual person with membership to an Orthodox church. I was born and raised in Canada.

Tell us about yourself.

I am a devoted mom of 2 kids, ages 8 and 16. I am happily married to my husband for over 19 years. I work full time doing a job that I love. Our family chose not to get vaccinated based on what we saw with the statistics and who was being impacted with negative outcomes. We have all caught covid and survived using a vitamin regiment. I never was really interested in politics (aside from voting), until the pandemic hit.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support, supported without being present, and watched hours YouTube videos taken on the ground faithfully each day. I also participated in protests in Edmonton

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns and Government overreach

Did you donate to the Convoy?

I donated through both GoFundMe and GiveSendGo

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Marrienne Hachey

Please provide your age and occupation:

42, Bookkeeper

Where do you live?

Angus, Ontario

Tell us about yourself.

Mom(disabled) of two teenagers, one with a disability. Had to go back to school and find work to help with the family income, to be able to keep our family fed and in a house.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough. Give myself and others hope

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

Friday to Sunday of the first weekend.

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Love, friends and flags

What was your role?

Supporter

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (Peace, hate, flags etc)

Peace, love and unity. Singing and crying of happiness.

Where did you walk/drive? (Street name)

Wellington mostly.

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Not many that I recall, nothing like when I attended the Rolling Thunder.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

No

How did the government mandates affect you?

My children's mental health - cutting and suicidal thoughts. My mental health being centered out and called names for not vaccinating myself and children. Dispute with friends and family. I knew in my gut this whole thing was wrong.

If you supported the protest, why?

Was given hope when I realized how many others shared the same views. It gave me a sense that I wasn't crazy and was doing the right thing.

Jennifer Hafner

Please provide your age and occupation:

50, Retired

Where do you live?

Summerland, BC

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Free Canadian

Tell us about yourself.

I am a mom and a wife.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support, supported without being present and local rally

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Amanda Halliday

Please provide your age and occupation:

40, Healthcare Worker

Where do you live?

Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Middle class, female, Canadian

Tell us about yourself.

I worked for AHS throughout the pandemic in various LTC facilities. I quit in October 2021 not because of the vaccine mandate but because I could no longer support the mandates on our seniors and vulnerable people. When the truckers announced they were heading to Ottawa, I drove 4500kms to be a healthcare worker in support of truckers.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

I got there on February 12 stayed until February 18

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Myself and my car

What was your role?

I just went to see the protest in person, could not believe msm

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

I have never seen so many people smiling, dancing, laughing. It was incredibly peaceful. I prayed with groups and individuals more in that week than I have in my whole life. I was very surprised to meet so many people from the team who were in support as the media made it seem like the locals did not support the protestors.

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

By the time I got there, all of the porta potties were full and no longer in use. I used the bathroom of restaurants and businesses that were open, they were all very nice and happy to let you use the facilities. Often times I would walk back to my hotel and allowed others to use the bathroom in my hotel room.

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

I stayed in a hotel very close to downtown. I was on foot.

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

When I arrived in Ottawa there were blockades but the police guided me through and helped me get safely to my hotel. After a few days I started to notice more and more blockages but police were still very polite and helpful. By the end police were blocking me from getting out of the downtown core and would not direct me what way I needed to go to get out.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

Yes

If yes, were you beaten by the police? (explain, snatched, zipped tied, driven away)

I was not beaten but I witnessed many who were. I was pepper sprayed or something. Not sure what it was but it burned my eyes and choked me for a few minutes.

What were the police wearing? What did they use to beat you? (rifle, stick etc.)

All police had raid gear and batons. There were police with long guns and shields. Snipers on rooftops and police stationed outside my hotel advising me that I did not have to leave Ottawa but if I left my room and went back to the downtown core I would be arrested.

How did the government mandates affect you?

I was an essential worker and worked for healthcare throughout the pandemic. The mandates didn't have much effect on me as I quit before the vaccines mandate was enforced. I quit because I saw my patients and clients as well as their families affected by the mandates. We had wives not allowed to visit dying husbands. People die because of cancellation of surgeries. Everyday care like bathing cancelled for over a year for some clients in the name of Covid. What AHS did was harmful and wrong. I could no longer be a part of it.

If you supported the protest, why?

Because in my opinion it was the right thing to do. I wanted to be able to say I did everything in my power to stand up for those who couldn't stand up for themselves.

Rita Haney

1. I would like to express my experience. I quit a job, having been employed there for more than 25 years, at a general hospital, because I believe the mask and vaccine mandates were against ethics.
2. I couldn't shop in certain businesses without a mask, so I went without. Two years was far enough time for a "pandemic" to show its true colour.
3. When the truckers appeared, my hope and happiness was restored. I was not alone.
4. I was not just a fringe. There were MANY that felt the same way I did. They were an ethical group, and I fully supported their PEACEFUL approach, albeit determined.
5. I am so GRATEFUL for them. They led the world.

Cheri Hankins

Please provide your age and occupation:

55, Self-Employed

Where do you live?

Dawson Creek, BC

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Christian, Canadian, female, happily married to husband for 30 years with two amazing successful adult daughters. Lover of our Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

Tell us about yourself.

Self-employed 30 years (co-owner with my husband)/semi-retired. Active, thankful for good health and believe in body autonomy. Play on several sports teams. Volunteer, family and community involved. Landowner and taxpayer for many years.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support, supported without being present, and went 800 km to join the first Canadian Freedom chain. Local rallies

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GiveSendGo

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Antonio Hanna

1. My name is Antonio Hanna. I am a resident of Ottawa, Ontario. I am a husband, a father, and a business owner. My wife introduced me to the convoy journey, as she followed the journey on social media. My first personal experience with it was standing on Bankfield bridge above the 416 as the protestors arrived.
2. This was the first time I felt I still belonged in society in a couple of years. I met people from all walks of life who had the same feelings as me and did not judge me for the choices I made for myself and my family. During the mandates, I lost my career in a family business that operated in a mall, and my wife lost her jobs due to vaccine mandates. I witnessed my children being unable to interact with certain friends because their parents knew we were unvaccinated. I was told by blood relatives that I didn't deserve health care due to my personal choices. In short, I witnessed negative division and felt segregated from society. I even applied for a Government of Canada position before vaccine mandates were enacted. I got an invite to write an exam for the position but stopped the process, knowing that mandates had come into effect.
3. My joining the Protest began on the initial weekend. I went downtown to understand what people were there for and their individual stories. With a sociology degree in my background, I have always been intrigued by the mobilization of people. I quickly realized that most people were there looking for the same thing I was, solidarity. For the first time in a long time, I found myself surrounded by people experiencing the same inequalities and hate that stemmed from mandates and politically charged comments pointed at us as a group.
4. When I returned home from the first day downtown, I turned on the news on TV. All I saw was negative commentary. To me, they were portraying to the general public lies about the true nature of things on the ground. This was when my wife and I decided we would go back the next day and document the situation through social media the positives. We spoke to many people who had joined the Protest, and the theme was pretty much the same for everyone. We, as a group, want to be heard. People were tired of being cast out of society. People lost employment, and some were even vaccinated but stood in solidarity with us in the name of personal choice.
5. My wife and I continued to go downtown daily until the Friday after the Emergencies Act was enacted. We were involved in operating a food tent in Wellington but walked through all the Centertown streets daily. The streets in Ottawa had never been so clean. As I typically do when I am downtown, I would offer food to people living on the street, and for the first time, I would be told things like, "I have no more room in my bag for food."

6. During the first few days, I caught on to the fact that residents were getting frustrated with the noise levels on the residential roads. I supported the loudness because I believe we had used our voices long enough without being heard. There was a need to increase the tone in hopes that political leaders would finally take us seriously and consider us in society. In my opinion, had we been acknowledged on the first weekend, things would have been diffused. Unfortunately, we were not; instead, comments from politicians and the media were inflammatory. The one that stuck with me most was the fact that we were called racists. I belong to the group our society calls BIPOC. Of the seven people in our Wellington "camp," 4 of us belonged to that group (the running joke was that we were white supremacists).
7. As for harassment of people wearing masks, I witnessed a couple of occasions where people would say things like, "show us your smile" to people passing by. However, they were quickly reminded by the general group of protesters that we were all here to fight for personal choice and to leave people alone. Something that struck my 10-year-old son during this time was the number of people who would give us the finger while driving through town flying Canadian flags on our car, "How stupid that they are giving us the finger for flying the flag." I definitely witnessed more hate directed at our supporters and us than at those that opposed us.
8. Our interaction with the Police for the majority of the time was positive. One day, the officers stationed at Wellington and Kent accepted our chili offering to keep warm. In addition, we often frequented a deli on Sparks Street in the Department of Justice building, and they were accepting of other protesters and us without any incident. We also frequented the McDonald's on Banks Street and a Sparks Street pub, where we bought beer to go. I witnessed not a single incident in these establishments. In fact, I commended them for staying open.
9. I only heard anything about violence when a lone man walked up to our tent a few days before the Emergencies Act was invoked, asking what I thought was an odd question, "So guys, when is everything going down?" I asked him what he meant. He pushed on, fishing for information on when "Are we going to start fighting back?". That interaction left me feeling weird, and it was the only time I heard of violence. I immediately thought it was a plain clothes police officer, although he told me he was here from Montreal but had no accent. I dismissed him by telling him we were not here for violence, and he lingered and then left quietly.
10. On February 6th, I emailed my City Councilor, George Darouze, my MPP, Goldie Gharami, and my MP, Pierre Poilievre. In my email, I addressed the fact that trucks were being deliberately stopped from accessing Wellington Street and left in residential neighbourhoods. To this, I received either no response or generic responses towing the

political line without addressing the possible resolution for disturbances to residents. I have attached all my letters to this statement.

11. The Thursday that the Red Zone was put in place in Ottawa reminded me of the military checkpoints of my childhood. This was the first time I was ever prevented from movement within my own city. I asked the OPP officer under what statute he was preventing me from entering my downtown core. He stated something along the lines of, that is above my head and threatened that I would be arrested if found in the core. I eventually made my way into the core on foot and interacted with Police without any arrests.
12. The next day I spent my time picking up fellow protesters after being victims of catch-and-release arrests, some dropped off in Rural Ottawa in the cold. I received phone calls from two people that had been detained on the Friday. The first person I picked up was charged and released, he was dropped off at Conroy and Hunt Club in the South end of the city along the Greenbelt. Being from southern Ontario he had no clue where he was. He gave me the street names and that is how I found him. After I picked him up, I received a call from another protester who had been detained and dropped off. He was an older man who speaks broken English. He had no idea where he was, he started telling me that he was near a river, with no houses, dark and lots of open spaces. I asked him to keep walking until he saw a sign for reference. He eventually was able to find the Sir John A McDonald sign. I told him to walk eastbound, and that I would meet him at the booth intersection. When I arrived at the location 20 min later, he was still not there, I parked and walked westbound until I saw him walking towards the food tents there, we went into the tent so that he could get a coffee because he was cold. Neither expressed that they had been roughed up, the first protester was detained by several officers after laying down in front of "the line".
13. What was also troubling was that when the vehicles that were impounded were ready to be picked up we went to the Conroy location to retrieve them. When we arrived all the license plates were removed from the vehicles, according to the officers there out of province plates were mailed back to the Transportation Ministry in those Provinces. The Ontario plates were kept on-site and returned to the vehicle owners once fees were paid. However, after driving the vehicles off the lot we learned that the Ministry of transportation in Ontario had unregistered the plates. Therefore, the plates were no longer registered to the vehicles but OPS at the impound site were allowing them to be installed on the vehicles and the vehicles to be driven out with invalid plates. In order for the plates to be reinstated we had to call the Ministry of Transportation. This was not communicated to us by officers on site.
14. I went back when I found this out and spoke to Officer Hogan, Ottawa Police, and made him aware of this. He was shocked and had to make calls to get clarification and confirm it was what was happening. Not only were the impounded vehicle plates unregistered, the man who I picked up on Sir John A Macdonald Parkway had a Tractor and Trailer that he

managed to drive off of Wellington on Saturday. He drove to a lot East of Ottawa, only to find out a few days later that his plates were no longer registered. Being a commercial vehicle, he had to have a safety and emission test to reinstate the plates. We had to find a mobile unit capable of doing this. It cost nearly \$3000 to do so. It was troubling that the vehicle was never impounded, yet the vehicle became illegal on the road without notice given to the driver.

15. I have a multitude of pictures showing that the protest was inclusive and diverse. People from all walks of life participated. I have pictures of wheelchairs moving freely and of people wearing masks un-harassed. Ultimately, my feelings about the entire Emergencies Act are that our democracy is supposed to allow for dissent and Protest.
16. We, as a group, had suffered what we viewed as injustices, and none of our political representatives heard our cries for help. Significant and continued injustices required a large protest. Had the protest been illegal as it was portrayed, there would have been existing laws that could have shut it down. The fact that the Emergencies Act had to be enacted indicates that, in general, the Protest fell within the legalities of our existing laws.
17. If it was too big and loud for political leaders to cope, they should have taken the time to listen. They clinged onto falsehoods about the nature of the protest to gather the support of citizens who did not experience it to crush the group's voices. This is, in my opinion, what many of us immigrants fled our countries to avoid. I perceived COVID policies as tyrannical, and the enactment of the Emergencies Act cemented my opinion that democratic principles, to our current leaders, are only valuable when convenient to their cause. Existing laws managed to remove the border crossing blockades. Proper management in the city could have concentrated the trucks in commercial areas. Instead, their decisions caused strife between residents and protesters. I was once a resident of Centertown and knew the area very well. These extreme measures could have been avoided.
18. I think the argument that protesting with vehicles is wrong is flawed. When we live in such a large country, and people travel thousands of kilometers to protest their government, it is unreasonable to expect them to leave immediately. It was winter, a shelter was required, as heated, and the vehicles provided both. Expecting them to leave before they were acknowledged defeats the idea of Protest.





Karen Hanna

1. As an Ottawa resident and daily participant in the Freedom Convoy I am hoping my story gets heard.
2. When the pandemic started and we were put into lockdown, and even after the lockdown, my husband and I were both greatly affected. He had a retail jewelry business in a mall that was shut down continuously while I worked in a congregate care setting. At the height of the pandemic, in order to stop the spread of Covid-19, the Ontario government mandated the 'single-employer' rule for individuals working in congregate care or long-term care. Therefore, I had to make a choice and give up one of my two jobs I worked in order to pay my mortgage and feed my children. It is quite common for people working in these settings to work multiple jobs to make ends meet. So here we were, losing not only my second income but my husband's monthly income from his business. We had no choice but to take advantage of the CERB given that jewelry stores were in no way deemed 'essential' especially those in a mall. Might I add that the \$2000 a month (minus eventual taxes) was about half of his monthly income. We were losing \$3000 dollars a month. At one point, just to pay our bills, he had to cash out his pension from working at the government of Canada many years before.
3. Both my husband and I are graduates of the University of Ottawa with majors in Sociology. We would watch the 'news' religiously to remain both informed and skeptical of the decision-makers. At this point, we were no longer afraid of Covid but were rather angry and both felt trapped. Our marriage suffered. I was angry that my husband wasn't working, and the entire burden lay on me. I had a few friends who were quite active on Facebook, some would call them 'conspiracy theorists'. We would joke about them here and there as their theories seemed absurd.
4. When the 'vaccine' roll-out began, we both agreed we were not comfortable with receiving it for ourselves or for our children. At this point, we had known many people that got Covid and didn't believe it necessary. We watched CTV quite intently at this time as we were curious as to what the government would do regarding mandatory vaccination. I vividly recall the press conference where Justin Trudeau stated that they would never be made mandatory. As a Canadian, I never could imagine what would happen next.
5. For months, the leader of our Country publicly shamed people like me and my husband. Our own family members turned on us, blamed us and some even told us we 'don't deserve healthcare'. Friendships of 30 years were ruined because of our deeply held belief that we should be able to decide what goes into our own bodies. However, we remained strong and connected to our beliefs. No matter what, we were not going to get vaccinated. Even if it came down to me losing my job (our only real source of income), we would make it work.

6. We are ostracized, shamed, and blamed. Thankfully we had several friends who also felt the same way we did and lynched onto them for support. Since he still had no job, and I only worked one of the two, and we were no longer allowed to travel within our own country let alone leave it, we had lots of time on our hands.
7. That winter of 2021/2022 I was scrolling on Facebook and happened to come across some live videos of truckers driving in BC. They were supporting the cross-border truckers who were going to be mandated to be vaccinated or unable to cross over. I began watching these videos obsessively. Someone was finally fighting back against this government overreach. I finally felt some hope.
8. One evening, I was sitting by my fireplace, glued to the live videos of Tamara Lich. They were driving through some small town and thousands of supporters lined the streets and overpasses. Tears started streaming down my face. I ran to show my husband and I finally felt happy. The truckers were coming to save us and there were people out there that felt the same as me.
9. The weekend the truckers came was the weekend of my 40th birthday. Up until that weekend I had followed every rule. My son had 2 birthdays in lockdown. I watched from the window in my kitchen as my kids used our outdoor skating rink with their cousins so we would not be 'more than 5' gathering.
10. I was done. I told my husband that I am having a birthday party for my 40th. I 'secretly' booked a caterer because even that wasn't allowed at the time. During the party of about 30 or so people, I toasted the truckers. I celebrated life thanks to them. I felt happiness, I hugged my friends, we shared food and drinks.
11. After 2 years I felt alive again and that was all thanks to these trucks. The night before they arrived, we went for a drive downtown. Wellington was already closed down and we just drove around the War Memorial in circles dancing and waving Canadian flags out the window in -20 degree weather. It was an amazing night.
12. When the trucks finally began rolling in on Saturday, my husband and I, along with another couple went to the Bankfield overpass in Manotick to welcome them. We were joined by hundreds of other people. People from all walks of life, all with the same feelings I was having. We were no longer alone. We met a nice elderly well-to-do couple on the bridge that day. They had 2 grandchildren during covid that they have yet to meet in person because their children were too scared. We spent 2.5 hours on that freezing cold overpass watching them roll in. It was the absolute most beautiful sight. Unfortunately, we couldn't go downtown that day because it was the day of my party.

13. Sunday, which was my actual birthday I went downtown with a friend of mine. I was immediately hooked. The horns were the most soothing sound I have ever heard. How I miss them. Sometimes I watch my videos just to hear them again. Thousands of people were downtown. The police even looked to be having a good time. You could see their smiles. I couldn't get enough. I needed to see it all. I spent hours walking up and down the streets in the freezing cold talking to people, listening to their stories of hope and despair. People were crying tears of joy, overcome with emotion. Hugs and smiles, things we have not seen in 2 years were happening all around. It was the best birthday of my life.
14. That night when I went home, I told my husband that I need to go back. He joined me the next day and was blown away. Gone were the feelings of nothingness and shame. We walked up and down and all around. We couldn't turn a corner without being offered something to eat or drink. I became obsessed.
15. At this point, the media was finally beginning to prop up the story. Being wary of the representation, my time was split between work then immediately donning my cold weather gear and going downtown for my daily dose of happiness.
16. Every spare moment I had was spent with my new 'family'. I was addicted to what was happening down there but also felt it my mission to report on what was actually happening and not the picture the news was painting. I filmed hours upon hours of live footage. Walking up and down and all around. Every chance I got I tried to convince people to go downtown and see for themselves. Some actually did. I interviewed families, people of colour, transgendered people, locals both young and old, families with small children, Muslims, Indians...the list goes on. All captured on live.
17. One of my most emotional moments was dancing on Rideau Street beside a local man. He had tears streaming down his face. All he wanted was a hug. It was very overpowering for him. I met a girl, 22 years old who just hopped in her car from Winnipeg and just kept driving. She stayed the entire time. I met people who are like family to me now. People who gave up everything to come to Ottawa for justice and an explanation.
18. If you were there, you know the truth of what really went down. I am thankful that I had these moments recorded so I can relive the best month of my life. No matter what happens with this inquiry and this Country, I know longer feel alone and powerless. The truckers changed all of that.
19. Thank-you truckers.

Adam Haramule

Please provide your age and occupation:

37, Plumber

Where do you live?

Ariss, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

First generation Canadian

Tell us about yourself.

God-fearing, happily married, father to three boys. I enjoy playing rec sports and board games with my friends.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor and provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

I donated cash

How much did you donate?

\$500+

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

First two weekends

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Donations and my family

What was your role?

Protester

Did you donate food or supplies?

Food/fuel/cash

Did you come with your family?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Only peaceful Canadians of every description, who want to be in control of their own lives.

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

Yes, we found a freedom loving business.

Where did you walk/drive? (Street name)

Parked on Bank and walked 6 or so blocks

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Yes, but I can't remember the exact intersections. Approximately 3 blocks from parliament.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

No

Bruno Hay

Please provide your age and occupation:

32, Excavator Operator

Where do you live?

Quebec

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Enough is enough, and Anti-Covid vaccine

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GiveSendGo

How much did you donate?

\$1-\$25

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far and I believe in ending all the mandates

Vanessa Head

Please provide your age and occupation:

48, Student

Where do you live?

Norwood, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian

Tell us about yourself.

Patriot

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Tracy Henderson

Please provide your age and occupation:

51, Retired CAF

Where do you live?

Amherstview, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian

Tell us about yourself.

Medically released fm the CAF in 2017 after 29 yrs. Married & mother of 2. I enjoy travelling & playing sports. I did not enjoy the unscientific mandates put in place, instead of following the emergency pandemic plan that was available.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor and provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

I gave cash to some truckers

How much did you donate?

\$500+

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates, I believe the Government went too far, and I wanted to help with their costs of being there

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

28 Jan-1 Feb & 4-6 Feb 22. 8 days total

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Signs, flags & warm clothes

What was your role?

I was one of the contacts for Kingston for the southern route convoy & helped organize for when the convoy stayed in Kingston the night before we went to Ott. Once we got to Ott, I was a protester.

Did you donate food or supplies?

I didn't donate food or supplies but helped deliver food from Confederation Park to the truckers

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

It was like nothing I've ever experienced & I'm so glad I went to see it for myself. It definitely wasn't what the media was reporting. It was so peaceful & full of love. So many happy smiles from people. It gave so many of us hope again & the knowledge that we were no longer alone. My heart was filled to the brim. There was lots of hate from people that didn't agree with the protest & that was the only time I was fearful.

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

The ones we tried to use were closed.

Where did you walk/drive? (Street name)

I walked all over the downtown core of Ott but spent most of my time on Wellington St.

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Yes, they had concrete barriers, large machinery & police cars blocking in the trucks at every corner that I saw downtown.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

No

How did the government mandates affect you?

My spouse works for Shared Svcs but has worked from home for more than 7 years. He had to get 2 shots to keep his job. My kids had to either get both shots or weren't able to play sports. I couldn't watch my daughter play hockey, go into restaurants, gyms or cinemas. I couldn't travel on a plane or train, anywhere. Some family & friends wouldn't see me, as I wasn't fully vaccinated. I was shamed, yelled at & even had people yell in my face & my daughter's face that they wished us long horrible deaths. It was like so many in society we under mass psychosis & common sense wasn't used.

If you supported the protest, why?

I never agreed with the mandates or that the govt should have that much power to implement them. Their ever-changing goal posts didn't make sense. There were consistently red flags of concern with how the pandemic was handled at every turn.



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SMALL TO HOLD
EVERY THING
THATS WRONG

Jason Hokanson

Please provide your age and occupation:

43, Cook in a Hospital

Where do you live?

Selkirk, Manitoba

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian!

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Muriel Holladay

Please provide your age and occupation:

Retired

Where do you live?

Ontario

Tell us about yourself.

Lover of freedom. Not happy with our federal governments overreach into my personal life.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

How much did you donate?

\$1-\$25

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Jim Honey

Please provide your age and occupation:

63

Where do you live?

Niagara, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

I'm a guy who loves my country and my history and God.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

April Hope

Please provide your age and occupation:

35, Self-Employed Designer

Where do you live?

Douro-Dummer, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian Christian Mother

Tell us about yourself.

A runner, reader, married, BCIN qualified designer

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor and provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GiveSendGo

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

We took our staff on a Thursday and stayed for the day.

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Chocolate bars to hand out, hope

What was your role?

Prayer

Did you donate food or supplies?

Yes, through neighbours

Did you come with your family?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (Peace, hate, flags etc)

Peace, love and freedom

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

Yes

Where did you walk/drive? (Street name)

Downtown

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Yes

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

No

If yes, were you beaten by the police? (Explain, snatched, zipped tied, driven away)

Our staff was taken to a mall outside of town

How did the government mandates affect you?

Lost my job, friends, whole world turned upside down, segregated from our community

If you supported the protest, why?

Freedom is paramount



Trish Hosein

What is your age and occupation?

52, scheduler currently on unpaid leave of absence by my employer Seneca College for not disclosing my vaccination status.

Where do you live?

Thornhill, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Patriotic, Christian, heterosexual, mother of two, grandmother of on

Tell us about yourself.

Nothing much to say other than God fearing.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor, as an observer, provided financial support, and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I gave out cash to truckers leaving from Vaughan Mills in Vaughan Ontario.

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates, I believe the Government went too far, and I wanted to travel to Ottawa but babysat my granddaughter so my daughter could go.

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Debbie Hough

What is your age and occupation?

60, forced into retirement due to mandates and covid

Where do you live?

Edmonton, Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian

Tell us about yourself.

Married, raised 4 kids all adults. Worked from the age of 15 to age 57. Retired due to Covid and mandates

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Manon Houle

Please provide your age and occupation:

55, Nurse

Where do you live?

Quebec

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

1st nation descendant, catholic, happily married to a wonderful man.

Tell us about yourself.

In March 2020 when the lockdowns where called, I had a son in a rehab center. In May 2020, the government of Quebec in collaboration with the health centers decided to clear spaces and beds for "potential or projected covid case". My son's rehab was shortened to empty the center where he was (private, paid out of pocket). He was released, no f/u, no access to any form of mental health care, dropped in the curb. In March 2021, total lockdown in Quebec again, my son relapse, no job, no follow up, no resources besides friends and family that couldn't visit. The 25th of March 2021 he hung himself

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Cathy Ismil

What is your age and occupation?

60, Retired

Where do you live?

London, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

I am an Albanian female who lives in poverty but very spiritual I believe God is supreme I am heterosexual but believe in a person's right to choose.

Tell us about yourself.

I write childrens books and have my first book at the library downtown London. I met the Dali Lama and have learned much about his philosophy. I have two children one is a nurse and the other a first degree black belt in Brazilian jujitsu and teaches and coaches fighters. I raised them as a single parent. I'm so proud of them.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

J E

What is your age and occupation?

45

Where do you live?

British Columbia

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

western canadian

Tell us about yourself.

exhausted from being taxed to death

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer, provided financial support, and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, Enough is enough, and unaccountable government doing what ever it wanted

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

How much did you donate?

\$500+

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Joe Janzen

1. I am 43 years old. I live in Morden, Manitoba with my wife and 3 kids. I have been driving trucks for 21 years. A few years ago I started my own trucking company. I invested everything into my business. I'm in business with my wife, which is how we support our family. We own a Transportation company based in Morden, MB. Our business was affected by our company and owner Operators not being able to cross the border without being forced to be vaccinated. Before Covid, our business was prosperous but ever since covid and the mandates being enacted, our company has gone downhill to the point of fighting to keep things going. I have had to sell 90% of my assets to keep things going, and I am still experiencing a hard time.
2. I was involved in the Protest because I felt that enough was enough with all the government mandates. I drove my pickup truck across the country with the convoy and was at the Protest throughout January and February.
3. The way to Ottawa was an experience I will never forget, seeing people cheering and smiling, and the amount of food and supplies given by people was incredible. I saw so many people sharing and caring for each other in unity for our country.
4. Once in Ottawa, I volunteered to be a Road Captain to try and help some of the trucks with logistics. I spent some of my time walking around with Chris Barber, talking to people and communicating with them, and spending a lot of time on Bank Street helping keep watch at night and ensuring people were safe. I also spent my time working with the other Road Captains as well as with Chris Barber and Tamara Lich. I also worked with Chris Barber to move the trucks onto Wellington Street.
5. I made friends from all over Canada and Ottawa. I experienced so much love from different races of people chatting and laughing together, feeding the homeless, and keeping Ottawa clean. The people who worked there told us they didn't want us to leave because of how safe they felt and how clean Ottawa was.
6. I saw police set up concrete wall blockades in Ottawa. The police also parked front-end loaders and graders at intersections which acted as blockades.
7. One of the days I was at the Protest around 2 pm, I was on Banks and Laurier Street when I saw an older lady fall. What happened? Several protesters ran to her aid, someone called an ambulance, another brought blankets, and another got a chair for her husband to sit on while we waited for the ambulance.
8. Video and pictures on Bank Street, February 2, 2022, at 4:36 p.m.





NO MANDATES
NO VAX PASSPORTS
YES TO FREEDOM
YES TO LIFE

When
Need

Carol Jennings

Please provide your age and occupation:

Retired Police Office

Where do you live?

Elliot Lake, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Christian

Tell us about yourself.

Disabled woman

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Dennis Jolicoeur

What is your age and occupation?

48, Antiques Dealer

Where do you live?

Havelock, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian citizen

Tell us about yourself.

Easy going, go with the flow kind of guy

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Tammi Jubenville

What is your age and occupation?

50, Retail Manager

Where do you live?

Chatham, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Caucasian with some native heritage, middle class, heterosexual, not religious.

Tell us about yourself.

Long time retail manager, mother to 3, stepmother to 5, grandmother to 7.5. homeowner, Divorced.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Glen Jung

1. I was in Ottawa to report daily on the Freedom Convoy with Bright Light News from January 28th to February 27th, 2022.
2. I became involved after watching the unprecedented response to the so-called Covid-19 pandemic, which threw out all existing pandemic protocols and led to the trampling of constitutional, human, and democratic rights of those aware of the science, especially the unvaccinated. To that end, I reported on the Convoy and their concerns about ending the Covid mandates, the government overreach and discriminatory, unscientific vaccine mandates, and the fall of the mainstream media from the public broadcaster to the state broadcaster.
3. I drove to the protest from Toronto and brought a change of clothes for one weekend, not knowing that it would last as long as it did, as well as media equipment and a laptop to report. Aside from interviewing truckers, protesters, and volunteers at the Convoy, I was the only media person allowed on the stage for all speeches, especially recording the larger weekend protest speeches.
4. At the time, I was 51 years old. I had never felt safer or more love and unity than during those precious few weeks before the Trudeau govt invoked the Emergencies Measures Act and brutalized peaceful protesters on Feb. 18 and 19. As a Canadian-Korean man, I experienced no “racist attacks” and have never felt prouder to be Canadian than I did during the peaceful weeks leading up to the unnecessary overreach of police violence. I did not see any hate flags, and if there were, I certainly did not feel like they in any way represented the sentiment and the voice of the protesters and truckers. The vast majority were peaceful Canadians seeking to remove the discriminatory and unconstitutional mandates removed through our constitutional right to freedom of speech and assembly.
5. Preceding the police violence, I witnessed and interviewed people who connected with other peaceful like-minded convoy supporters, feeling free of vilification and ostracization for the first time since the pandemic began. Canadians of all ethnicities, religions, ages, professions, and families with children, all conducted themselves in a manner that reflected the highest ideal of how a Canadian would like to be perceived. As crime rates and Covid infection rates dropped, the streets were cleaner than ever. Homeless people were clothed and fed by volunteers in spontaneous pop-up food tents. Supporters donated so much food that the volunteer cooks abandoned their initial plans to return home after the first weekend and stayed to support the peaceful protest. Ottawa was never safer. I never saw any violence or citizens being “terrorized.” Everything was the opposite of everything that the mainstream news was reporting.

6. I witnessed and recorded the police blockades, previous to the police violence, on several occasions and noticed that the police officers were clearly enjoying themselves, being high-fived and hugged by protesters and their children. Never once did I see any officers threatened or feel threatened once. Truckers were respectful to keep one lane clear, as had been negotiated previous to their arrival, but the police set the blockades across all lanes so that it appeared that the truckers were blocking the streets. When the order to stop honking after 10 pm came, they complied.
7. As a Canadian, one could not have experienced a more friendly, generous, loving, and “utopian” energy within the streets of Ottawa during that time. It was jubilant every day, like Canada Day combined with Team Canada winning the World Cup.
8. There was no “insurrection,” city under “siege,” there was one of the greatest displays of peaceful civil disobedience that the world has witnessed in recent times, inspiring and sparking peaceful convoys globally.
9. The invocation of the Emergencies Act, and especially the police violence, is a travesty and a dark day for all Canadians.
10. I sincerely hope this inquest will expose the truth to exonerate the vast majority of supporters who acted peacefully and respectfully throughout. And for false narrative proven wrong by the current inquiry (OPP Intel Officer Pat Morris said there was no credible intel of espionage, violence, foreign influence, etc. and that the lack of violence was “shocking.” In addition, acting Deputy Chief of OPS, Patricia Ferguson, Admitted the Emergencies Act was “useful but not necessary” <https://brightlightnews.com/police-destroy-need-for-emergencies-act/>). Based on the fact that Safety Minister Marco Mendicino lied about police agencies asking for the invocation of the Emergencies Act (<https://tnc.news/2022/05/18/police-never-asked-trudeau-for-the-emergencies-act/>).

Karl Kahmann

What is your age and occupation?

74, Retired

Where do you live?

Lake Nipigon, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Grouchy old basterd

Tell us about yourself.

I am an old peckerwood who lives in the bush with too many guns

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated by e-transfer

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Kym Kennedy

1. For many years, I have been afflicted by chronic illness. In my teens, for a few years, I would collapse approximately fifteen to twenty times a day, unable to move or speak for some period of time. I saw many doctors and underwent many tests. Of the numerous Medical Doctors that I saw, none were able to name what I was afflicted with, and nearly all of the tests that they ran showed minor abnormalities, but nothing that allowed for a conclusive diagnosis. As a result, the only treatment offered was medication for pain management.
2. After years of seeking traditional medical help, I chose to seek less traditional help. After years of being unable to live freely, restricted in my movements by the knowledge that I collapsed numerous times each day, that technician gave me alternative medicines that made those terrible spells stop. He was not a traditional physician, but he was the man who restored to me, some quality of life.
3. In August of 2021, I started a job that I loved at The Leacock National Historic Site; a literary museum in the summer home of a great Canadian humourist. I was the Program Assistant and Front of House Supervisor, and I was good at my job. In my short time there, I implemented a successful program, gave decent tours, and developed educational programming geared to diverse thinking and cooperation. But the historic site is owned by the municipality, and the City of Orillia mandated vaccinations for all employees. It was then, and is now, my deeply held belief that the COVID-19 vaccination would pose a serious risk to my health. That risk is one that wasn't found or helped by Medical Doctors in the past, but rather by an alternative therapist. My belief; my conscience, is so firmly held in this frame, that there are no circumstances under which I'm willing to risk returning to the terrible condition that plagued my existence for many years by submitting to "mandatory" medical therapy.
4. Upon sharing this detailed explanation with Human Resources, I received no response and was written out of the schedule until my contract ran out three months later. My record of employment states I was laid off due to lack of work for me to do. Another person was hired before my contract was set to expire, to do many of the duties I had done, under a slightly different title.
5. Since losing my job, I attended the Freedom Convoy on two separate occasions and subsequently wrote a book about that experience that focuses heavily on government overreach and media lies. I didn't write that book to become a bestselling author or Pulitzer Prize, winner. I wrote it in an attempt to help others understand that they're not alone. I wanted to inspire people to tell their stories, the way the convoy inspired me. Incredible people helped me with my book. Tamara Lich, Daniel Bulford, Tom Marazzo, Brigitte Belton, Jody Ledgerwood, and more. I'm attaching this link in case the description on the

back cover is of interest to you. An Attic and a Blank Diary: Insights Into the Freedom Convoy 2022 <https://a.co/d/7HOzXaI>

6. I'm not social media savvy and haven't done a great job of spreading the word about my book, but the feedback I've received from those who've read it, has made me feel so incredibly moved by acceptance and encouragement.
7. I'm still unemployed and struggle to pay my bills. With inflation, it's now necessary to choose between food and medication occasionally. I have a child and will always choose the path that's best for her future than for my current comfort, so I'm going to keep fighting the good fight. Words can never express how grateful I am that the convoy awakened that in me.

Andrew Kent

Please provide your age and occupation:

48, Product Designer

Where do you live?

PEI

Tell us about yourself.

Father, husband, veteran, designer

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far and I believe in ending all the mandates

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Melonie Kilby

1. My name is Melonie Kilby, and I am 33 years old. I have lived in Ottawa and its surrounding areas for 32 years of my 33 years of existence. As an Ottawa resident, we don't see much around here. Our biggest event is Canada Day when people from around the country come to our downtown core. We don't really have a big city... takes about 40 minutes to get from one end of the 417 in Kanata to the other in Orleans. All in all, I live in a boring city.
2. When COVID-19 began to spread we somehow became the city of decisions. I mean, only a 15-minute drive from me members of Parliament made decisions about my life as if my opinion didn't matter. Day after day decisions were made and us Ottawa residents watched the entire country divide.
3. Before the Convoy, I felt discriminated against by my government because I chose to not wear a mask or vaccinate myself or my children against COVID-19. I remember taking my children to Walmart one day... We didn't mask my younger children, especially my little man as he is on the Autism spectrum. My little guys were so excited to be in a store! They were racing around looking at the toys. At this time, life as they knew it was destroyed. Playgrounds were closed, their sports were shut down, they couldn't see their friends, and they couldn't see their family. They were isolated in our home for months with no school and limited fun. So, as you can imagine, they were so eager to get a new toy at Walmart (one of the only stores that were open at that time). A staff member stopped my son and told him to stop touching everything and demanded that we put a mask on him. My son and my other 3 children went from being happy to being scared. They were singled out for not wearing masks even though they didn't legally need to.
4. As an Ottawa resident, I felt alone. Stuck under political agendas that seemed to only favor the people who chose to comply. I watched playgrounds get taped up, stores close, and toys being blocked from purchasing in stores. I couldn't see anyone I cared about; it was awful.
5. Then I heard about the trucks. I heard that they were coming to Ottawa and were not leaving until the mandates were dropped. As an Ottawa resident, I felt hope. I immediately started to help. I very quickly joined Adopt-a-Trucker and began volunteering every waking minute for the next 3 weeks. I housed truckers, made sure they had showers, advocated for the protestors, and began building my new community. As an Ottawa resident, I was so happy that the protesters were here that I did everything in my power to help them stay.
6. I went to the downtown core numerous times. Often at Metcalf and Slater with my clipboard and winter jacket. I helped cook food for the homeless of Ottawa and for the protestors. I collected donations or gathered donations from Coventry and made sure that no trucker, protester, or homeless person was cold, hungry, or dirty. I spent upwards of 10

hours a day in the downtown core during the Freedom Convoy protest. I never once saw feces on the ground, acts of deviance, criminal offences, or hatred. I saw protestors giving food, clothing, money, and love to our homeless community. I saw protestors cleaning the streets of Ottawa, even developing their own garbage disposal system with their own resources. I saw protestors communicating with the public and when met with hate every protester responded with “I love you”. Responding that way was just something that we all knew, and everyone did; a staple if you will.

7. As an Ottawa resident, I felt safer downtown during the day and night than I ever have in my 33 years of residing in Ottawa. Protestors whom I knew for mere minutes offered to protect me and make sure I was always safe. That speaks volumes to the beauty within the convoy.
8. As an Ottawa resident... I did not lose my hearing and I did not feel scared of the convoy. I witnessed the trucks on Metcalf and Slater decide on their own accords (before the injunction to remove honking) that they would not honk past 8 pm EST. They decided to keep the streets quiet in respect of the downtown Ottawa residents. They had their own security team that was made up of volunteers who ensured that no truck or protestor was honking past 8 pm EST. I saw the respect that the truckers and protestors had for the residents of Ottawa despite the hate that many residents spewed at them.
9. As an Ottawa resident, I saw the beauty of my city. As a volunteer with Adopt-a-Trucker, I was able to see a map of Ottawa with thousands of donors and volunteers. I saw little red dots on every single crevice of the Ottawa map. Each dot signified people offering money, shuttle services, laundry help, food support, a warm meal, a bed, a hug, a card, or even a moment of gratitude.
10. As an Ottawa resident, I know that the media lied to everyone about who the protesters were, what they did, and what happened in those 3 weeks. I believe that they invoked the Emergency Act because they knew that the truckers started a global rebellion against tyranny and that was threatening their likelihood of brainwashing people further. Regardless of my beliefs, I know that the protest was peaceful, that the protestors were communicating with law officials, and that there was no justifiable reason to invoke a never-before-used war measure on the citizens of Canada.
11. As an Ottawa resident, I didn't stop after the convoy left; I got deeper into the protests. I helped organize many protests in Ottawa. I liaised with the Ottawa Police for every protest, and I am in good standing with the liaising officer. It does not stop me from wondering if I will be arrested like Tamara Lich, Chris Barber, Freedom George, and Pat King. They liaised with OPS as well and we all know that they are now facing criminal charges regardless of their efforts to work with law enforcement. As an Ottawa resident, I should not be scared that the government will arrest me if I peacefully protest. Regardless, as an Ottawa

resident, I choose to exercise my right to peacefully assemble despite the fear of becoming a political prisoner.

12. As an Ottawa resident, I believe that they hand-picked Ottawa residents who hated the convoy to speak at the hearing for the Emergency Act Inquiry. As an Ottawa resident who watched the convoy come, and make my city whole again, just to be forcefully removed I know that my voice has merit and that my experience of the Convoy needs to be heard.
13. As an Ottawa resident, I supported the truckers, and I am openly admitting to being a volunteer with Adopt-a-Trucker. I am done hiding that I supported a cause that was dear to me. I am standing up for what I believe and what I know happened. I know that I am risking my career by submitting this letter. If my employer hears that I do not support the mandates, forced vaccinations, or the use of the Emergencies Act on Canadian truckers then I can almost guarantee you that I will be fired. Canada is in shambles; I am supposed to be free. I am supposed to be able to choose what I want to do with my body and be able to peacefully protest without discrimination. So why do we all know that I am taking a ginormous risk for submitting this statement and why is no one doing anything about the discrimination that I am being faced with? The Freedom Convoy was the only sign that anyone cared; not even my own family cared. They still do not, they do not want me to write this statement because they know I will lose my career. That speaks volumes to how horrible supporters of the Convoy are being treated.
14. The Convoy changed who I am as a person, woman, mother, friend, citizen, and employee. I am now surrounded by so much love and support. So many of us are, we call them our “freedom family”. If you were to ask me if I would attend the convoy or do it all over again, my answer is yes.
15. As a Canadian citizen, I am ashamed of our government for invoking an Emergency Act to forcefully remove peaceful protesters from the capital of Canada. The question is if the government had the opportunity to do it all over again would it still choose to use the Emergency Act? I fear that their answer would be yes. As a resident of Ottawa and a citizen of Canada, I ask you to put a stop to the political power over Canadians once and for all.





Elizabeth Klapwyk

1. How were the government's Covid mandates and lockdowns disruptive to my life?
2. I am a single, childless woman in her early 40s who lives alone. The lockdowns were government-mandated forced isolation and detention for me, YET I was never charged, tried nor convicted of a crime. My alleged crime is being a healthy, law-abiding citizen. I was told that I could not leave my home except for groceries or medical appointments. I would go days, weeks, or even months without seeing another human being, without receiving any physical human contact. This made me feel even more alone, even more, forgotten. My government treated me like a nobody, like a forgotten useless collection of cells. I felt I had no meaning, no purpose. I had lost hope.
3. The truckers and the Canadians who lined the roads, overpasses and highways restored the hope that I had almost lost. These patriotic Canadians told me that I am not alone. That I matter.
4. I will never forget the hope and pride I felt watching these amazing truckers driving along Canadian highways crowded with patriotic Canadians flying their flags and holding their signs of support. I will never forget the tears I shed as I regained that almost lost hope, that love for my home and native land, that love for my fellow Canadians.
5. The invocation of the Emergencies Act made me fearful. It scared me that my government, at all levels, had forgotten the people they serve as they claimed more power and control while stealing my rights and freedoms. This high-handed approach to get rid of the "inconvenience" of Canadians coming to Ottawa to talk to their government to remove ALL mandates is NOT the Canadian way. This is not right. This is not just. This is not humane. I was scared, fearful of what lies ahead. I even thought of leaving my home and native land, my Canada, because the Canada I grew up in was no longer looking like the land of freedom, the True North Strong and Free.
6. I will never forget. I will always be grateful to the truckers for standing up to say "enough" to the government for the huge sacrifice they made to drive to Ottawa, not only for themselves but for all Canadians no matter who they are or where they live in Canada.
7. God bless the truckers, the only strong, dedicated, resilient group of people able to unite an entire country in less than 3 weeks.

Dale Klein

What is your age and occupation:

60, Retired

Where do you live?

Regina

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Born and raised middle class Canadian with a Christian faith and traditional values.

Tell us about yourself.

Retired 3 years. Wanted to experience the freedom of retirement. Disappointed and frustrated with the lockdowns and restrictions.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Anti-Covid vaccine, Government overreach and Enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Michelle Kloet

What is your age and occupation?

47, Real Estate Investment

Where do you live?

Oakville, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Upper middle class, Caucasian, Female, Heterosexual, Christian, First Generation Canadian of Dutch Heritage

Tell us about yourself.

Educated, professional, entrepreneurial, community oriented, volunteer, tithe, outdoorsy, dog mom, auntie

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor, Provided financial support, and Created an initiative to assist the protesters who arrived and were sleeping in their small four-wheel vehicles. Offering them fuel cards, gift cards for food/coffee, accommodations, showers, laundry, pet care/food

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Enough is enough, and support the truckers and other protesters. To provide feminine presence, energy, and care

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Direct financial assistance to protesters who had their vehicles towed, impounded and damaged. Provided hotel accommodation so that protesters could have a restful night sleep/shower/laundry/internet/electric charging

How much did you donate?

\$1000's

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I believe the Government went too far. My primary concern was to ensure that the protesters knew they were cared for. I strived to keep up morale through compensation for damages and meeting basic human needs.

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

January 29 - February 19, 2022

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

My truck, camper, camping supplies, food, medical equipment, dog food, board games, end-mandate signs, my two dogs, Weston and Romeo

What was your role?

Private citizen, with no affiliation with any organization or association. Social media. Private care initiative

Did you donate food or supplies?

Yes and yes.

Did you come with your family?

No

Were you ever threatened by social services to have your children removed?

No. I have no children. I did put up a family in a hotel to keep them safely off the street.

Were you ever threatened that your dog would be put down?

Yes. I was informed that if anything happened to me, my pets would be euthanized

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Peaceful protest by people from all walks of life, from every province and territory coming together in community, love and hope. On day one we saw one confederate flag and we asked kindly that it be removed. We never saw that flag again. The only hate I saw was from 'anti-protesters' - in their language, signage and actions. My tires were slashed. (The woman was charged and found guilty)

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

Some restaurants refused entry. One hotel was exceptionally welcoming and provided 24/7 access to toilets.

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

Daily I walked to the Byward Market, down to the Business Inn, to the S-Jam. I walked every side street to drop off my flyers on vehicles

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Police blocked off streets that led up to Wellington. Most barricades were along Albert.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

Yes

If yes, were you beaten by the police? (explain, snatched, zipped tied, driven away)

Jabbed multiple times in the stomach with a baton. The officer slammed the baton against my breasts each time we were asked to move back - I always moved back, there was no reason to hit my breasts. Twice I was gassed.

What were the police wearing? What did they use to beat you? (rifle, stick etc.)

The police wore helmets, goggles, crampons, vests, masks, gloves, hats, padded clothing, no badges or identification, firearms, pepper spray. They beat me with a baton.

How did the government mandates affect you?

I was prevented from leaving the country, traveling by air across the country, participating in civil society, enrolling in education classes.

If you supported the protest, why?

To end government and corporate mandates, medical bigotry and discrimination.





Don and Marg Kober

What is your age and occupation?

77 and 72, Retired

Where do you live?

Trochu, Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Don & Marg Kober born and raised in Alberta

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Donated and then got my money back before govern. took it.

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Jessica Koehn

What is your age and occupation:

38, Teacher

Where do you live?

Langley, BC

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

White, Christian, wife & mother

Tell us about yourself.

I am a public school teacher, married to a public school teacher, who are together trying to raise 3 children and teach hundreds more to become contributing members of Canadian society and to think critically about everything they hear and see.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough. If the government can control what goes into our bodies and when we are allowed to protest, then we are only pretending to be a free society

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

How much did you donate?

\$0, but it was much discussed as I wanted to, especially once the government prevented the first fundraiser from proceeding.

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Evelyn Kooistra

Please provide your age and occupation:

59, Property Manager

Where do you live?

London, ON

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

White, female, protestant Christian.

Tell us about yourself.

I am a healthy, happily married, mother of 5, grandmother of 6, employed for 25+ years in office administration, active member of my church and school community, my health and well-being has always been a priority. I only use natural alternative medicine. In 2020 my employment was terminated due to mask mandate despite having two medical exemptions from my health care providers and a religious/conscientious exemption. I also lost a son-in-law due to suicide shortly after. Due to our church closure, I lost my community support at a very difficult time, when I need it the most. We took our 93-year-old mother-in-law out of long-term care home for a few months and cared for her at home because of constant lockdowns and quarantines, and we hadn't been able to physically visit her for 9 months. 2020-2021 was a very difficult and traumatizing year. In 2021 we found an open church and started attending there. They did not comply with mandates, and we were able to find a new supportive community which helped us to begin the healing. Unfortunately, police started showing up at the church on Sunday mornings, our pastor received several fines, and we had to start meeting in the woods. Despite the difficulties the church provided a refuge and healing began. In early February 2022 a friend, who also lost her job, and I headed to Ottawa to support the Trucker Convoy. It was there that much healing took place. I first stood on a bridge overpass just outside of London as the truckers came down the 401 on their way to Ottawa. I remember the pride, the euphoria and the hope I felt as I stood there, tears flowing down my face, waving my Canadian flag at the hundreds of trucks passing below me. I stayed on that bridge for 2+ hours in the -20 C, long after everyone else left, because I did not want to miss even one trucker. A week later my friend and I headed to Ottawa for 4 days. My friend and I spent much time talking and praying with truckers, hearing their stories, thanking them, handing out cookies and cards/pictures from our grandkids. It was a time of healing for us from the trauma we had experienced through the past year. The atmosphere was beautiful, friendly, hopeful, and peaceful. Everyone was KIND, providing for each other, supporting and encouraging each other. We took hundreds of pictures. We reluctantly left Ottawa but our hearts were full!! A few days later the Emergency Act was invoked and I remember watching with horror as the most gentle and caring and strong truck drivers, that we had so recently spoken to, were wrestled to the ground and violently beaten. I was full of outrage and grief at the lies being told and the violence being done to such a peaceful and kind group of people, who had come to Ottawa on my behalf. I remember screaming and crying much that day. It seemed all the trauma I had lived through in the past year came crashing back down. I am truly hoping and praying that through the Emergency Act hearing, the truth will be revealed, and it will set us all free from the trauma and tyranny we have all experienced over the past two and half years.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor and provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

And to support the truckers and to experience healing myself.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated by e-transfer

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates, I believe the Government went too far, and in support of the truckers who were fighting on my behalf.

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

Feb 6-9, 2022

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Cards, pictures, cookies for the truckers from our grandchildren, as well as donations of personal hygiene items for truckers.

What was your role?

Protester to give support for truckers

Did you donate food or supplies?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (Peace, hate, flags, etc.)

Peace, kindness, order, music, music, dancing, speakers, tons of food, Canadian flags, bouncy castles, play areas for children, babies in strollers, veterans at the monument, prayer services/singing on Parliament Hill, lots of drivers sitting in their trucks, COLD temperatures, lots of police officers, many marching up and down the streets in groups of 6-8, very safe and peaceful environment.

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

We had a hotel nearby

Where did you walk/drive? (Street name)

We walked several hours every day from our hotel on King Edward to downtown where the truckers were on Wellington. Some of the streets were Rideau, Sussex, Elgin, St. Patricks, Murray, Wellington, Mackenzie. We also drove twice to the headquarters on Coventry Road to talk to the truckers there. We were there to drop off our supplies on Sunday, Feb 6th around 5pm, shortly before the police raid.

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Police blockades blocking intersections at Rideau/ Sussex/Mackenzie as well as at Elgin/Rideau. Also police blockades around Mackenzie/Sussex/Murray/St. Patrick. It was a very eery feeling walking through there. Businesses were closed, no traffic, no people, only police.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

No

How did the government mandates affect you?

Loss of employment, loss of church, isolation, sadness, (see above answers).

If you supported the protest, why?

Truckers were fighting on my behalf. I supported the end of mandates because they were hurting so many people and taking away many of our rights and freedoms.







Nicole Kothlow

What is your age and occupation:

51, Mental Health Worker

Where do you live?

British Columbia

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Born in Canada

Tell us about yourself.

Mother of three grown children all born and raised in BC. University educated while being a single parent. Proud to be Canadian housed international students and sponsored several so they could live in this free country. Lost my employment due to mandates and restrictions. Suffering from depression and anxiety and unable to get back to work due to vaccine mandates.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Angela Kramer

What is your age and occupation:

37, small business owner

Where do you live?

Regina

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Johnny Kroeker

Please provide your age and occupation:

38, Computer, IT

Where do you live?

Elmira, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Caucasian, Christian, middle-class, male

Tell us about yourself.

Love God, love my family, Work hard and apply excellence to all I do.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor and as an observer

Why were you involved in the Protest?

Government overreach, Enough is enough, Anti-Covid vaccine, and End mandates/End lockdowns

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

About 1.5 weeks in total at different times

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Clothing and food

What was your role?

Observe and support the people that were there for the full duration.

Did you donate food or supplies?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Peaceful protest from the protestors. Hate, aggression and physical abuse from the police force.

Where did you walk/drive? (Street name)

Wellington

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Yes, they were all over the place.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

Yes

If yes, were you beaten by the police? (explain, snatched, zipped tied, driven away)

I stayed back far enough to not get beaten. I observed that though.

What were the police wearing? What did they use to beat you? (rifle, stick etc.)

Tactical gear. I didn't get beaten

How did the government mandates affect you?

They restricted essential things from our daily live. They demonstrated a gross abuse of power. They removed most of the respect I had left for any government official.

If you supported the protest, why?

To help make a positive change, so our children and their children have a free country to live in. To take back what is ours as citizens and not just had over our rights. To respect the people who originally fought and won the war for this country we call Canada.

Ian Lafferty

What is your age and occupation?

Labourer

Where do you live?

St. Catharines, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian first

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GiveSendGo

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Char Lance

What is your age and occupation:

68, Retired

Where do you live?

British Columbia

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Straight white female Christian

Tell us about yourself.

I am a senior with disabilities! Together with my trucker husband we have raised 4 kids and we have 6 grand babies and we are conservatives.....so tired of the liberals

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

How much did you donate?

1-25

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Lisa Landriault

What is your age and occupation:

47, Bookkeeper

Where do you live?

Ottawa

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Proud Canadian patriot. Non-religious freedom fighter

Tell us about yourself.

I am a single mother of two teens who were vaccine injured as babies. I run my own bookkeeping business after being fired from my job for refusing to wear a mask. I work hard and love my family. I will do anything to protect them.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor and provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GiveSendGo

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

Almost every day for 5 to 6 hours a day

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

My friends and neighbours and cash for the truckers

What was your role?

Protestor and donor

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

The protest was the best three weeks of my life. It was such a loving atmosphere. I don't like to be hugged and touched but I was asked so many times if I could be hugged and I accepted those hugs after being so isolated for 2 years. I cried tears of joy daily because the truckers gave me hope. For the first time in many years, I was proud to be Canadian again. It was a party, I saw homeless people being fed and treated like humans - not something you see regularly in downtown Ottawa. I saw people of all races, religions and from all over the country getting along celebrating freedom. I never wanted it to end.

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

I walked down to Sussex and to every area that had a truck all the way down to the parkway to speak with all of the truckers and people that came in their pickups and cars.

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

There were blockades on every street. They wanted trucks to leave but they had them blocked in - it was horrible. That made it worse than if they had left the streets open. First it was snow removal equipment, then big cement construction blocks.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

Yes

If yes, were you beaten by the police? (explain, snatched, zipped tied, driven away)

No, I was a few lines back both days, I could not get arrested because I have two kids at home but I wanted to slow down the cops progress. I witnessed protestors being beaten and was shot in the head a few times by the bean bag bullet. I have one as proof. I found it in the hood of my jacket

What were the police wearing? What did they use to beat you? (rifle, stick etc.)

A lot of us thought they were UN. They looked like military they had guns and wooden batons

How did the government mandates affect you?

I lost my job for refusing to wear a mask, I was kicked out of many stores and restaurants for not wearing a mask or being vaccinated. It was horrible. My daughter was pulling out her hair from the stress of online school and having her activities cancelled. My son who has autism could not wear a mask he refused to leave the house because we were kicked out of a restaurant due to the mask mandate and I was subsequently threatened in the parking lot of the restaurant by a busy body who thought she had the right to dictate what I put on my face. My brother stopped talking to me because he believed in the vaccines. It was a very stressful two years

If you supported the protest, why?

I wanted to support the truckers and their families that came all the way to Ottawa to fight for our freedoms. The truckers gave so many people hope I wanted to be a part of the protest and support the people that put their lives on hold to fight for mine and my children's freedoms. I am forever grateful for all of the truckers that came to Ottawa they are true hero's



Mat Landry

Please provide your occupation:

Business

Where do you live?

New Brunswick

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Catholic, straight, white man, father, hockey player

Tell us about yourself.

All around regular guy that likes to do sports and take care of his 2 daughters.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Media, doctors and politician lies, censorship

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Douglas Langstaff

What is your age and occupation?

41, Electrician

Where do you live?

Edmonton, Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

White/Métis, male, middle class

Tell us about yourself.

Hardworking tradesman, family man, just an average guy who normally doesn't have time to worry about surveys

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

Government overreach

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Dennis Larka

Please provide your age and occupation:

46, Self-Employed Carpenter

Where do you live?

Out skirts of Ottawa

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Hard-working, middle-class male

Tell us about yourself.

Small business owner, happily married for over 18 years. Work hard to make an honest living with my hands.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor, as an observer, and provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GiveSendGo

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far and I believe in ending all the mandates

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

Evenings a few times a week after work. First weekend and the last weekend.

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Flags and signs to show support for to the truckers and protester who started the movement.

What was your role?

Supporter/ protester

Did you donate food or supplies?

Yes

Did you come with your family?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Love and a happy energy. We felt united. Flags. Only hate/anger I experienced came from other Ottawa citizens

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

Most were closed in the area. The nearest Tim Hortons and McDonald's had closed their washrooms.

Where did you walk/drive? (Street name)

Parked in the Market and walked down to Parliament. We would then go up and down the side streets with our Thankyou Freedom Convoy signs to show support. Talked to parked protesters to hear their stories and offer support.

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Yes, we saw blockades. Unfortunately, I do not recall the streets.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

Yes

If yes, were you beaten by the police? (explain, snatched, zipped tied, driven away)

No, we did not engage in the frontline with Police officers. What we saw were people assembling peacefully in a line and pushed vs back by officers. Sometimes being pulled in behind the police and roughed up.

What were the police wearing? What did they use to beat you? (rifle, stick etc.)

I guess you would call it riot gear.

How did the government mandates affect you?

We were lucky compared to some. It did not affect our employment. What it did was prevent us from travelling outside of Canada and evening flying within Canada. (Drive to Alberta when my father passed away) Unable to eat in restaurants. Felt segregated from society and labeled as unequal even though we worked hard and always pay our taxes

If you supported the protest, why?

My wife has a blood cancer that is in remission. Her doctor could not convince her that the vaccine would not cause her cancerous blood cells to fire back up. Her choice to not take the vaccine put us in a place of segregation we had never experienced. We felt the reasons for people losing their jobs/ livelihoods were unjustified. It was obvious the government was overreaching with the latest mandates and were not basing them on science.

Christina Larocque

What is your age and occupation?

43, Account Management

Where do you live?

Williams Lake, British Columbia

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Female, Metis

Tell us about yourself.

I am a married mom of 3. I have a 24 yr old girl, 13 and 10 yr boys. Both my boys are autistic.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Brian Larson

What is your age and occupation?

63, Business Owner

Where do you live?

Hazelton, BC

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian

Tell us about yourself.

I pay my taxes and bills and try to be as kind to people as I can. I look after my health and expect to be still paying my bills and taxes into my 100+ years

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

The last 5 days

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Pickup, a couple changes of clothes and a friend

What was your role?

One of the people on the street singing Oh Canada and live-streaming on Facebook so my friends could see what I was seeing in contrast to what they were seeing on tv

Did you donate food or supplies?

No, but I got fed a lot by volunteers

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Peace, love, peaceful people of every age, religion and race. Hugging. Singing. Dancing. Speeches. Violent police. Drones. Snipers on rooftops. Restaurant owners and patrons wary of authorities. Lack of social distancing, masks and fear. Tremendous joy, pride and patriotism. People shoveling snow and picking up litter. More joy. Very cold temperatures. Every person living in their vehicle whom we offered to use the shower and toilet in our hotel room had already been "adopted" by an Ottawa resident and didn't need our bathroom. More joy.

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

Didn't need. Had a hotel room close

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

Mostly Wellington

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Lots of intersections. Can't remember all the street names

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

Yes

If yes, were you beaten by the police? (explain, snatched, zipped tied, driven away)

No. But I saw others being beaten.

What were the police wearing? What did they use to beat you? (rifle, stick etc.)

Some had high vis jackets and majority wore black swat team looking uniforms with no ID patches, helmets, face shields with Covid masks usually behind the shields, batons and riot shields. Some had rifles. There was also an armored vehicle.

How did the government mandates affect you?

I was isolated from many people for two years. I lost friends and had an aunt who spent her last year in solitary confinement in long term care. Only one of my cousins was able to visit her. My mental health was sorely tested. I have friends and family still who are terrified of Covid and wear masks even though the mandates are lifted. I have completely lost my faith in my government and the medical establishment and the mainstream media. I have to daily work to not be a miserable old curmudgeon.

If you supported the protest, why?

The fact that the BC government and the federal government were using Covid as a political tool was patently obvious and when they started firing healthcare Workers I had had enough of the lying and manipulation but felt quite alone until I saw the convoy on the internet and realized that I was far from alone and decided to drive from BC to Ottawa to add my voice to the protest. The cost of missing work,

fuel, food and hotel costs almost deterred me from going but I decided that if we were going to be living in a nazi style regime under Trudeau, Horgan et al, that it wouldn't be without resistance from me.

Deana Latta

Please provide your age and occupation:

58, Retired

Where do you live?

Amherstburg Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Caucasian Scottish

Tell us about yourself.

I am a lover of all things Canadian & very sad to see the direction of this country. I feel like my grandchildren are being robbed of any sense of normalcy

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor and as an observer

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

2022-01-29 to 2022-02-03

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

A pickup truck

What was your role?

I did not have a role. I was there to show my support

Did you donate food or supplies?

No

Did you come with your family?

No

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

The entire protest was nothing but love. There were no symbols of hate from anyone who was there showing support. The ones who showed hate were anti-protesters who swore at us, told us to go home & insisted that none of our freedoms were at risk. I saw homeless being fed, streets being shoveled, NOT by the city workers, but by supporters & truckers. I saw the War Memorial being cleared of snow; prayers said. Everywhere you looked, there were people handing out hot food & warm clothing to anyone who showed up. I saw people of all colors dancing, sharing food, & laughs. Considering the size of the crowd, the only negative we'd heard about from police when we asked about a woman who had fallen from a truck & some anti-protestors who gave some supporters a difficult time. I have never felt or experienced such togetherness & unity in this country as I did those days I spent there.

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

Only Tim Hortons. Nearly everywhere else was closed.

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

Wellington, & the other downtown streets of which I cannot recall the names.

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Yes, there were, but I do not recall where they were.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

No

Teagan Lausen

Please provide your age and occupation:

38, Sewer Maintenance

Where do you live?

Prince George, BC

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Multi-generational Caucasian Canadian, lower/middle class, straight

Tell us about yourself.

Father of four, 2 dogs, enjoy outdoors

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns and Government overreach

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$1-\$25

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Kathy Law

What is your age and occupation?

66, Retired

Where do you live?

Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

White, agnostic, middle class, heterosexual.

Tell us about yourself.

Alberta born. Grew up on a farm. Former holistic health care practitioner, yoga teacher.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer, Provided financial support, Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GiveSendGo

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Andrew Lawton

1. My exposure to the Freedom Convoy protest came through my role as a journalist for the Canadian media outlet True North. We learned of the protest through a number of sources prior to its departure for Ottawa from British Columbia and recognized it to be a significant and newsworthy event.
2. As with any organic protest movement, I approached the convoy with a level of caution, because I did not know the players involved. I instructed my team to do the same. In the course of my investigations, all of the messaging from convoy organizers and my own conversations with convoy supporters led me to conclude that the protest was peaceful, law-abiding, and focused on a message that was well within the boundaries of civil discourse, which is to say ending vaccine mandates and lockdowns.
3. I decided to travel to Ottawa to report on the convoy's arrival and the first weekend in Ottawa. I was invited to attend a press conference on Sunday hosted by convoy organizers Chris Barber, Tamara Lich, and Benjamin Dichter. The press conference was located at the Swiss Hotel, which I learned upon arrival was functioning as an operations centre for the convoy. I only had a small glimpse of its work but was intrigued enough by it to start inquiring further through my reporting into the logistics and operations of the convoy. During the press conference and in other conversations, organizers were clear that their protest would be indefinite and not end that weekend.
4. I returned to Ottawa on February 17 to report on the situation at the protest site after the invocation of the Emergencies Act. I interviewed several protesters on Thursday, February 17, and the morning of Friday, February 18. For much of the day Friday, I reported on the advance of police officers north on Rideau St. and then west on Sussex. In the course of this, I was pepper sprayed in front of the Chateau Laurier, despite being back from the front line, not being a protester, and having no interactions with police officers.
5. I was particularly concerned with the Ottawa Police Service's messaging on social media that journalists may be subject to arrest for working in the protest area, particularly considering the federal government had insisted *Charter* rights would remain intact throughout the invocation of the Emergencies Act. On Sunday, February 20, I was told by police officers on Albert St. that I could be arrested if I did not turn around and return to my hotel. When I told them I was a journalist, they said it did not matter. On another occasion, a police officer on Metcalfe St. told me I would not be allowed to pass through without a Parliamentary Press Gallery identification badge. I told him I was a journalist but was not a member of the PPG. He told me that I was not permitted to pass.

6. At another checkpoint one street over, an Ontario Provincial Police officer admitted me after a similar explanation, which I corroborated by showing on my mobile phone articles I had written proving that I was a working journalist.
7. I was stopped at a police checkpoint on Elgin St. on Sunday, February 20 and offered identification and a letter of assignment from my editor, but this did not satisfy the officer's requirement that I was a journalist and I was told that being on the streets could result in my arrest.
8. Moments later, I was allowed to pass through another checkpoint, staffed by different police officers, using the same documentation.
9. From my vantage point, the Emergencies Act led to inconsistent application by police officers on the ground, and press freedoms, which the federal government insisted would be unimpeded, were directly jeopardized. This made it difficult for me to effectively do my job, especially with the knowledge that working for a smaller and non-corporate media outlet we would not have the connections or resources possibly required if things were to go wrong.
10. In the months following the break-up of the Freedom Convoy, I interviewed dozens of its participants, volunteers, and organizers in the course of writing the Canadian bestseller *The Freedom Convoy: The Inside Story of Three Weeks that Shook the World*, a book that describes the motivations, inner-workings, and chronology of the Freedom Convoy from inception to dismantling.

Crystal Leask

1. I am writing to tell you how the mandates, restrictions, and government policies from 2019-present have disrupted my life.
2. I went to school full time, while I had four children of my own, to be a medical lab assistant, and graduated with honors. I loved my job. I loved making a palliative care patient smile, I loved playfully distracting a toddler while they got their blood drawn. I loved smiling and having a conversation with my patients.
3. I lost my job because I chose not to get vaccinated.
4. Our daughter loves to figure skate and we loved to watch her. Not only could we not enter the arena to watch her skate, but we couldn't even go in to tie her skates so we had to put her skates on in the car. She also couldn't attend her first eligible year of competition due to the fact we were not vaccinated. Also due to mask mandates, she quit early last season because a board member of our skating club yelled at her and made her leave the building because she forgot her mask at home, ONE TIME!!! She was too embarrassed to go back. She was eleven.
5. My three children spent the last three years in and out of school due to shutdowns, mask mandates, and vaccine clinics on school property. They are now at least two grades behind.
6. We've lost our relationships with numerous friends and family members due to our choice not to get vaccinated. Thanks to the fear instilled by our government, we were too "infectious" to be around our friends and family. Our kids were told to give "air hugs" and felt like they were a disease.
7. Our eleven-year-old began to have heart palpitations and tachycardia, losing feeling in her legs only to find out after numerous tests and doctor visits it was due to anxiety. Not to mention the stress, anxiety, and depression we all have suffered for the last three years.
8. The only pandemic is the blanket of hate and judgment that was laid upon our society.

Francois LeBlanc

Please provide your age and occupation:

53, Translator

Where do you live?

Montreal

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

French Canadian (Acadian and Quebecker), working class, homosexual

Tell us about yourself.

Just a citizen concerned with bodily autonomy. My past experience (my mother's health, my father's death when he was 47) has taught me not to accept commonly held opinions at their face value.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor, as an observer, and provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, and Anti-Covid vaccine

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GiveSendGo

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

Two Saturdays (on February 5th and 12th, 2022), from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Sort of a sling shoulder bag, containing my phone, an apple, books to read while travelling, pens, etc.

What was your role?

A normal Canadian citizen who first came to observe, then to support the protesters (truckers)

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

I saw trucks in the middle of a road when we arrived, but not blocking the traffic. Most protesters were on Wellington, in front of Chateau Laurier, Parliament and Supreme Court. Few others were on some other streets downtown (Bank, Laurier, etc). Never saw hate signs. I was with a friend. We could access any shops that were open (dollar store, groceries, convenience stores) without being bothered or blocked. My friend and I decided to buy the LGBTQ cape + Canada flag, and to wear it. We were NEVER harassed. Au contraire. We were greeted and sometimes hugged by truckers and their supporters. We met other people wearing the LGBTQ cape/holding the LGBTQ flag in front of Parliament and on Laurier, facing City Hall, where stood counter protesters (on the other side of the street). Truckers who were there told us not to engage with them. We obliged. Oh, and we saw supporters from visible minorities (African Canadians, Sikhs, etc.) and First Nation people.

Where did you walk/drive? (Street name)

Wellington, Bank, Laurier, Somerset, Kent, Queen, Sparks

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

No

How did the government mandates affect you?

Very few options to freely go about my activities outside work, fear of losing my job through no fault of my own, fear of taking risks if I cave in and take the jabs.

If you supported the protest, why?

I wanted the mandates to end. There are actual risks if we take the jabs. I am not making this up (10,000 serious adverse event cases, acknowledged by Health Canada.)

Nicolas LeBlond

1. My name is Nicolas LeBlond. I grew up in a small town in northern Ontario, which, like many towns in this country, is located next to the Trans-Canada Highway. Needless to say, truckers are part of our day-to-day life. Many of my classmates' parents were truckers. Many of my classmates became truckers.
2. I had no career until my mid-30s when I started working in Information Technology for the federal government with the Canada Revenue Agency. I was reluctant to work with the government, but I had a job opportunity and went to college for a job. My adult life has been mired with debt, depression, and failures. This new job, the start of a career, was a life-changing event (for the better). I have worked for the CRA for five years, and by being frugal and living a simple lifestyle, I repaid my debts and purchased a condo near my workplace in Ottawa. I did this because I had to go forward in my life after a difficult breakup with my long-term partner. I bought an overpriced condo at the height of the real-estate bubble. Then, a few months after, my employer changed my terms of employment. Consequently, I lived in an unfurnished apartment, sleeping on the floor, because I needed every dollar not to lose my life savings that were mostly tied to my property. I was looking at losing everything.
3. I admit I've had a life filled with depression. I have been hospitalized, I have had difficulty keeping employment, and this newfound stability was great - I had a chance to be productive and have extra money for a new life where I could become a father. All of this progress was flipped on its head overnight.
4. When I moved to Ottawa (May 2021), I had no friends, furniture, and nowhere to go. I started going to Parliament, met the so-called anti-vaxxers, and made many friends. A truly diverse group of people. I was there, at first, because it was unfair that I was considered essential to the government and others weren't. It is wrong that I could pay a mortgage, and they couldn't pay their mortgage. Who has the right to determine that? In my opinion, this is not in the purview of the government.
5. Then I was put on Leave Without Pay because I refused to attest my private medical information. Before I had to attest, I went on sick leave. As you can imagine, being that more than half of my life I have been depressed, battling many personal problems, my many existing problems were made significantly worse when the whole government abandoned me and my union abandoned me. My employer wasn't allowed to ask me why I was on sick leave, you know, because of medical privacy. So, I ask, why is my medical privacy non-existent regarding my status of whether I took the experiment or not?

6. Moreover, since I returned to work on June 20th, none of my colleagues have worked in the office. On top of that, we all have an agreement to work from home, full-time, until July of 2023. Why did I have to suffer when I would have posed no danger to anybody even if the experimental drugs did stop the illness and did stop the spread? Not that any of that mattered because I already had covid, which was good enough for European countries but, for some reason, not good enough for Canada. Made it seem as though our science was barbaric.
7. With the arrival of the travel mandates and the change to my terms of employment, I did everything I could with everybody to make all of these mandates end. I volunteered my time and gave my money to virtually every cause I could find. I signed everything I thought had my interest. I wrote to my government representatives, and I only received one response. After I told them that my life was destroyed, that my family dynamics were ruined, and that I had no life, I received a copy-pasted email about how the government was following the science, the barbaric science.
8. I have an undergraduate in Physical and Health Education. I have a science background. Why is it that the government was incapable of satisfying my scientific questions? Why did bureaucrats and politicians coerce me? I, working in Information Technology, don't listen to people outside my field on how to do my job. I wouldn't hire a plumber to be my doctor, so why am I listening to politicians on medical matters? This is made worse when the Canadian Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons reprimanded doctors for not following their instructions - even when doctors have taken the Hippocratic oath. When doctors were arguing, debating, and researching the benefits and disadvantages of these experimental drugs, one-half of the argument was censored, banned, and made unemployed - yet, this didn't stop the doctors from telling us to be concerned. If the government can't convince doctors in such a dire situation, the government isn't going to convince me.
9. After many months of being with the so-called anti-vaxxers, I saw the pattern that I was never in danger, that they were not sicker than anybody else, and that they lived without fear. More importantly, they lived with love. I do want to note that many of these so-called anti-vaxxers were vaccinated.
10. Earlier in this, I said I did everything I could to help end these mandates, these life-altering government diktats. Here is a list of groups I have interacted with since buying a condo in May of 2021:
 - Action 4 Canada
 - Stand 4 Thee
 - Mounties 4 Freedom
 - Mama Bears
 - Feds For Freedom
 - Canada Unity

- Adopt-a-Trucker

11. I'm sure there are more. I even stood outside a union that wasn't my own, where my sign was whited-out by CTV. It was an acronym of the union and said: Privacy Serves All Canadians.
12. I joined the first convoy that came to Ottawa in 2021. It was very small, but because they came to Ottawa for the right reasons, they came here for people like me. I was there almost every day. It was winter, it was very cold, and I did this like it was a job. I met wonderful people that day, many returning to Ottawa for the Freedom Convoy.
13. I was prepared for a dark winter when I was on leave without pay. I expected to see many of the so-called anti-vaxxers I met kill themselves that winter. I was deeply worried that I would kill myself that winter, given I couldn't leave and would lose everything I had managed to build in the last five years. But it wasn't a dark winter for me. It was the most beautiful and uplifting experience of my life. I was reminded that Canada has a unique spirit worth rallying around.
14. I was dumbstruck when I heard CTV Ottawa say, just a few days before the convoy's arrival, that they were expecting about 2000 people and that they were going to leave after the weekend. Dumbstruck because millions of Canadians knew it was coming and they would stay. Didn't CBC have a budget in the hundreds of millions? How is it that they couldn't tell the public the truth? Did they fail to learn that tens of thousands of people were coming from all corners of the country with hundreds, sometimes thousands, of people at over paths and highway junctions across the country at all times of day in the frigid winter? I know the reference is CTV, but still, this is a gross failure or a deliberate act with deliberate goals.
15. The day before the Freedom Convoy arrived, I made a sign that said, "I *heart* trucks and truckers and U should 2". I took this and walked up Somerset, down Bank Street, and to Parliament. I did this because I wanted to soften the ground, so to speak, because I knew the people of Ottawa had no idea what was descending on them. This was my way of helping. As soon as I left my house, a man opened his car window and said, "fuck you and fuck your truckers." I doubt this would have happened if our prime minister didn't use such language to make me and my fellow Canadians seem like terrible people.
16. On my walk, I had a few honks and smiles of support, but, by my determination, most people had no idea what my sign meant. Once at Parliament, I had a good chat with three people who knew the convoy was coming as well as with a sympathetic PPS officer.
17. I am being quite long, but I want people to understand that I am an Ottawa citizen (I have been coming and going since I was 18), and I couldn't be happier that the cavalry was

coming to save me. I prayed something that I had begun to do of late. I didn't expect that God would send Angels in trucks.

18. Now the convoy arrived. It was festive, it was tear-filled, it was hug filled, it was loving, and it was amazing. It was loud at first and at times, and then it wasn't at times and in different locations. There were tens of thousands of people at times, maybe even a hundred thousand. No two days were the same, and no two locations were the same as another.
19. I went to the freedom convoy every single day. I left in the morning and went home at the end of the day. After this, I would send my parents information on what was happening, and they were shocked by what I showed them versus what legacy media was. Again, I went every single day. It was my job.
20. I walked up to Sir John A McDonald every day. I went to the camp by the war museum and helped them if I could (they never needed anything from me because people from the city and even many hours away kept bringing food, money, and anything to help – anecdote: An Orthodox Jewish man came to this camp with his family to bring support). Then I walked up Wellington St down to Sussex and Rideau, then many of the roads downtown, and then Albert and Kent, where I had essentially adopted a group. Afterward, I'd eventually go home, going back through the Sir John A McDonald camp before sleeping and repeating this the following day.
21. I helped however I could. I donated money when I ate food or took hand warmers, did people's laundry, hosted people from time to time, and offered my shower as well. I even stayed in somebody's truck overnight so they could get a good night's rest in a hotel. That night I saw what it was like to sleep in a cramped vehicle. It was cold, and you had to start the vehicle periodically to warm up and turn it off to save on fuel, fall asleep, get cold, start the vehicle to warm up, and do it again every hour or so. That night before trying to sleep, I had the privilege to have a young man go vehicle to vehicle handing out a printed page. It was serendipitous that I received this the one night I slept in a vehicle. What he wrote is beautiful. Yes, I still have this in my possession. I hope you read it.
22. My stories are many. The people I spoke with and had bonding moments with are too many to write about. I will skip to after the invocation of the Emergency Act, formerly known as the War Measures Act, the day when the police were pushing and hitting the protesters. I joined the protesters there in front of the Chateau Laurier. I was next to the Senate (the former train station), so I am easily identifiable as I was there for between 6 and 8 hours. I spoke to many police, I saw a lot of protesters, and I saw the horses. One of the times the horses passed, they were only a couple of feet away. For 6 - 8 hours, I stood my ground, not pushing or striking the police, but I had to stand there peacefully because, well, quite frankly, I had nowhere to go in this country. In my mind, I wasn't protesting, I was doing my civic duty. I was doing my civic duty as a public servant.

23. Before I joined that "front line," I called my parents and told them I was conflicted. I could leave and not get arrested and be ashamed of myself for the rest of my life, or I could stay and get arrested, suffer the consequences, but live my life knowing I was the peaceful warrior.
24. I saw too much in those 6-8 hours. But I didn't get arrested. I eventually left, my body failing to have the strength to continue in the cold. That night, I didn't sleep - I was processing everything I saw.
25. This is my last attempt at writing this. I hope I have conveyed my participation, involvement, and dedication to serving all Canadians against what was clearly wrong.

Jody Ledgerwood

What is your age and occupation:

48, Real Estate

Where do you live?

Coburg, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Female, mother, daughter, sister, Canadian

Tell us about yourself.

A single mother of 3, self-employed real estate broker, certified soccer coach, athlete, long-standing community volunteer, leader in my profession & in the community, advocate for the law and our inalienable right to free will, security of person and property, out of the box creative thinker with compassion, generosity, and a heart full of kindness and love for humanity. An advocate for truth, love, fairness, and health

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor and as an observer

Provided financial support

Worked with Adopt A Trucker at the Swiss Hotel, lead the Hamilton convoy

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, enough is enough, and protecting our civil liberties and our children's future

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Donated my time and food

How much did you donate?

Time is priceless and about \$600 worth of food

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

January 27-March 8?

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

My van, clothes, food, hockey equipment, computer equipment, table, wagon,

What was your role?

M.C'd the main stage, speaker on the main stage, social media influencer, protester/frontline, cook at the Swiss Hotel

Did you donate food or supplies?

Food

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Love, unity, community, people shovelling streets, people collecting garbage, singing, dancing, hugging, food sharing, clothing and shelter sharing, fuel donations, bouncy castles, children laughing and playing games, hockey, saunas, emergency lanes opened, police blockades and cement barriers, huge police presence, police brutality & destruction of property, police pepper spraying the peaceful/complying crowds and hitting them with batons & guns and horses, LRAD and tanks

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

Most public toilets were blocked off or closed to the public. Port-a-potties were brought in and then taken away by the city

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

Wellington, Nicholas, Bank, Kent, Spark, Rideau, Sussex, McKenzie, and many others

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Yes. On wellington, Sussex, McKenzie, Rideau, Kent, Bank, Spark, Nicholas, and many other streets leading to the Swiss Hotel and the Cdn War Museum and the Byward market

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

Yes

If yes, were you beaten by the police? (explain, snatched, zipped tied, driven away)

I was pushed off the Chateau Laurier wall, batons pushed into my tummy and chest, pepper sprayed in my face

What were the police wearing? What did they use to beat you? (rifle, stick etc.)

Batons, black police outfits, green outfits, some outfits with badge identifiers and others with no identifiers, helmets, riot gloves, black boots, goggles, gas masks, vests some with bullets in them others with other accessories, some officers were carrying guns, all had zip ties or hand cuffs and/or batons/billy clubs, some officers had masks on others balaclavas

How did the government mandates affect you?

Tanked my business, cancelled my trips & conferences, all my meetings went to online zooms or go to webinars. My children lost schooling time, their proms and graduations. We lost the ability to play our sports, eat in restaurants and go to social events with our friends. I was harassed and bullied and threatened

If you supported the protest, why?

Government overreach, rule of law no longer being respected or adhered too, children were suffering, families were suffering, businesses going bankrupt, people losing their homes, discrimination and bullying on the rise and people were dying alone and unable to get medical care. Discrimination and segregation was on the rise! This was no longer our strong and free Canada.

Twyla Lee

What is your age and occupation:

45, Bank Teller

Where do you live?

Fraser Lake, BC

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Caucasian and middle class

Tell us about yourself.

I'm a wife, mother, grandmother who takes care of her family. We have a small homestead that allows us to grow our own food and raise our own meat.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present and provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

25-100

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Melanie Lefevbre

What is your age and occupation:

43, Medically Disabled Retirement

Where do you live?

Ottawa

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian, Evangelical Christian, middle, straight, Right of Center, conservative

Tell us about yourself.

Mother of three beautiful teens, wife of a wonderful husband, outspoken, love Jesus, love truth, justice, mercy, common sense, law and order, fairness

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor and as an observer

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

Don't remember - came on the 1st Saturday and 2 times after for prayer, worship service etc.

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Some signs: God keep our land glorious and free

What was your role?

Just a regular walking person, lifting my sign, singing Oh Canada, dancing, praying, worshipping, talking to others

Did you donate food or supplies?

No

Did you come with your family?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Peace, love, unity, family friendly, fun, games, dancing, a Jew shaking hands with a Muslim, black hugging white, QC and other Canadians fellowshiping, people of all race, ages, religions, sexual orientation (yes the pride people were there) in Unity. People taking snow off the street, people feeding everyone and the homeless, police there and behaving well towards everyone, I did see some unfortunate black flags but I understand it, I wouldn't as a Christian put these words up. I saw people dancing, speeches given, people sharing heart breaking stories of overdose, suicide, vaccine injuries, vaccine deaths

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

No, the politicians told most businesses to close because protestors were dangerous but they weren't. I did find some small restaurants opened that I was able to use.

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

Main street and side streets

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Close to the museum I think.

How did the government mandates affect you?

They seriously hurt our lives. My husband had a very good job at the Government, he worked from home 100% of the time, had awards for how good an employee he was, he was told no jab, no job so he quit the Government, was 6 months without pay and now makes much less, his benefits are horrible and I need them to pay for my Lyme's treatments. My son who is now 17 had to give up AAA baseball and his dreams to play college ball, he was a starter pitcher. He didn't want to risk his heart. His team would have kept him but he was not allowed to do indoor training, go to US for games and training etc., etc. My kids had some depression on and off, couldn't see most of their friends, some of their teachers were horrible, they put down kids who weren't vaccinated. One said, "those who don't, don't deserve to live in Canada." We had to miss weddings and funerals because again not "vaccinated". During the first 4 months I couldn't get treatments for migraines and chronic pain, I was in so much pain, I was in a ball in my bed crying. I had a mask particle enter my lungs and had partial lung collapse. We have been affected by the economy that got out of control through these measures. My stepmom, my step grandma, my two half-sisters and an aunt refused to see us because we might contaminate them and kill them and their moms because we might be contagious though asymptomatic... We were called by names by Doug Ford, our Prime minister etc. We were threatened by these same people. We saw loving people become scared, hateful and divisive; we saw loved ones getting vaccine injuries.

If you supported the protest, why?

Because the mandates were unjustified, illegal, didn't make sense nor were logical. The rhetoric was hateful from our PM, Ministers, Premier, and media, some people on social media and media wished us dead... etc. People lost their business, their jobs, income, families and lives. It had to stop. I have never participated in a protest, but I did as a good law-abiding citizen, legally. I saw nothing wrong happen, just love and unity. The leaders on social media, kept repeating 100% lawful, 100% peaceful, no tolerance for anything else. I could support such a movement by my presence.

Jamie Leib

Please provide your age and occupation:

62, Retired

Where do you live?

Bellingham, Washington

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian living in the US

Tell us about yourself.

I am a Canadian citizen that is so saddened by what is going on in my country that I never want to move back. I always thought I would spend my retirement years back in Canada. Not anymore.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Troy Leicht

Please provide your age and occupation:

52, Crop Inputs Manager

Where do you live?

Saskatchewan

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

White Canadian Christian

Tell us about yourself.

Family person

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Genevieve Lepage

What is your age and occupation:

45 GIS Administrator

Where do you live?

Castlegar, BC

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

French Canadian

Tell us about yourself.

I've lived in BC since 1995. I was threatened to be fired in September 2019 as I was questioning a Regional District Doctor's report on COVID. Stats were way off and I questioned the objectives and purpose of such a weekly report. I have been suffering depression since. All my family is in Québec. My mom got sick in Dec 2021. Died in March 2022. Couldn't fly to go see her. Even if I did, was not allowed in Hospital until her "comfort". Paid property taxes for services that were denied to me.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present and as an observer

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Cindy Lequereux

What is your age and occupation?

63, Retired

Where do you live?

Out of Country

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

As born in Canada

Tell us about yourself.

Spiritually minded and believe I'm a child of God. Mother of beautiful people who are well rounded contributors of the world. An all round good person.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

Didn't support covid from the start

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Catherine Letarte

Please provide your age and occupation:

54, Executive Director Non-Profit

Where do you live?

Montreal, Quebec

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

French Canadian catholic female married to man

Tell us about yourself.

I am a 54 year old married women. Have worked with marginalized population for the last 20 years in Montréal. Travelled the world. Love my country. Freedom. Kind generous to friends, family and friends and animals. Keep in shape, run marathons. Studied at the National Baller school in Toronto as a youngster.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

28, 29, 30 January

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Personal belonging, warm clothing, brother and husband

What was your role?

Supporter. Observer.

Did you come with your family?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

People of all ages, ethnicity, gender, families, couple, group of friends. Chanting, dancing, joyous, respectful, inspiring speeches, distribution of food, hot drinks. Honking, music . . . very peaceful and law-abiding Canadians sharing a common goal - end the mandates and end government overreach.

Where did you walk/drive? (Street name)

Wellington street, spark street, and surroundings.

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Near the Chateau Laurier toward Parliament. January 28th weekend

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

No

How did the government mandates affect you?

Restriction to travel. Quarantined twice. Mobility rights restricted. Not allowed to participate in social activities. Denied access to restaurant, stores and services. Discriminated based on medical status.

If you supported the protest, why?

Government overreach. Not respecting our constitution rights. Mandates. Coercion and forcing medical treatment. Demonize Canadian citizen for holding a different opinion.





Rhianda Linsdell

What is your age and occupation:

Retired RCMP

Where do you live?

Kelowna

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Regular white lady

Tell us about yourself.

Married, mother of two. Current occupation: freedom fighter, truth seeker.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Support and protestor from afar. Cheered on the convoy as it passed through the Okanagan.

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, and Enough is enough. Pro bodily autonomy & medical choice.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates, I believe the Government went too far, and I could not travel to Ottawa

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Bob Lizmore

Please provide your age and occupation:

66, Accountant

Where do you live?

London, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Heterosexual male

Tell us about yourself.

Accountant and musician

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated by e-transfer

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Brenda Lohan

What is your age and occupation?

64, Service Advisor

Where do you live?

Coquitlam, BC

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian born citizen

Tell us about yourself.

I'm just an ordinary person trying to set aside enough money to retire.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

Government overreach

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Wendy Long

What is your age and occupation?

46, Retired Police Officer

Where do you live?

Parry Sound, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Culturally

Tell us about yourself.

Retired RCMP Officer and one of the Board of Directors of Police on Guard

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, not through the donation platforms but have to truckers while walking around at the convoy

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates, I believe the Government went too far, and support those in need

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

I can't remember the actual dates, however I was there for 3 weeks total

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Family member

What was your role?

I was there in the capacity for Police on Guard. Visiting with the truckers and letting them know we were there to support them. We also filmed a documentary

Did you donate food or supplies?

No

Did you come with your family?

Yes

Were you ever threatened by social services to have your children removed?

No

Were you ever threatened that your dog would be put down?

No

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

The protest was the single most uniting event I'd ever been to. After years of being lockdown and segregated from society due to personal choices, the convoy was full of laughter, people conversing and peacefully standing their ground for personal body autonomy. No matter our race, gender or religion, we were all one and united with a singular goal, standing for the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

Yes. The toilets were full to the brim and could not be used.

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

The entire downtown core

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Yes. The police blockades were up at every street leading to Parliament Hill.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

Yes

If yes, were you beaten by the police? (explain, snatched, zipped tied, driven away)

No

What were the police wearing? What did they use to beat you? (rifle, stick etc.)

The police were in uniform. I did not personally experience any violence.

How did the government mandates affect you?

I was segregated from society. I was unable travel due to the mandates.

If you supported the protest, why?

Standing for our protected guaranteed Charter rights.

Dwayne and Nicole Ludwig

1. Our family started out with Covid like most others - Fearful and worried that everyone around us would be dropping like flies and then that didn't happen.
2. Our church closed which was hard. We are faithful churchgoers and when we weren't 'allowed' to be in church with our pastor and fellow believers, that was difficult for us. We were thankful for online church but it just wasn't the same and we suffered from that.
3. Fast forward to early 2021. Our son had to go to a local children's hospital for an echocardiogram. At this point, we had decided to wait for more information about 'the vax' to come out before we injected something into our body. There was a weird push to do something to our bodies that we had never seen before. And then the doctor doing the procedure on my son started to push. Called me selfish in a round about way and then also told me that billions of dollars go into vaccines and who am I to question it? She also told me to stay home when we left because we would infect other people.
4. I left that hospital never wanting to step foot into it again. And then the anxiety started. I was worried about being called out for not wearing a mask or not being vaccinated. I was fiercely protective of my kids and made sure they didn't suffer because of the way the world was going. And then, another lockdown, but this time only for the unvaccinated. Looking back, I still can't believe it.
5. My husband started getting pressure at work to disclose his vaccination status and to wear his mask properly. My kids were left out of playdates at the trampoline park because we couldn't show our vax pass. I pleaded with friends to wait to give the jab to their kids because there wasn't enough evidence to prove it was 'safe and effective' and then the Convoy to Ottawa happened.
6. A local friend and believer, Harold Jonker, was at risk of losing his trucking business and he organized the Niagara fleet to Ottawa. It ignited a flame in us. We pulled our kids out of school to stand on a bridge in Grimsby and when we saw so many others there with us, we saw that we weren't alone. We weren't a small, fringe minority with unacceptable views. We were parents showing our kids how to stand up to a government that was not allowing us to be free in the country we live. Two and a half weeks later, my husband and I headed to Ottawa.
7. We didn't go to the party, we went to talk to the truckers and give encouragement and love to those standing up for our freedoms. We are forever grateful to them for saying, 'Enough'. We believe in an Almighty God that works all things for our good. And it might not be the way we would like it or as fast as we would want it but it's happening. The truth will prevail, and we will have grace for those who didn't see it right away.

Carmen MacDonnell

What is your age and occupation?

40

Where do you live?

Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

I'm a Canadian.

Tell us about yourself.

I live in the country, have a dog, love gardening.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Andrew MacGillivray

1. I'm Lt(N) retired Andrew "Drew" MacGillivray, a 12-year Canadian Armed Forces who retired from the CAF in August of 2021 over the soon-to-be-mandated covid vaccine policy as I knew it was going to become mandatory.
2. I was born and raised in Scarborough, Ontario, in a very multicultural neighborhood, but I'm a patriotic Canadian, and it is why I signed up to defend it.
3. I became involved in the protest in Ottawa to end mandates and government overreach because I don't agree with medical apartheid in our country. In my opinion, I wanted to support the movement because I supported the truckers in their mission to end the mandates that were gross government overreach.
4. I was in Ottawa from February 8th, 2022, to February 22nd, 2022. I tried to make myself useful and volunteered to help Tom Marazzo with some truck operations and logistics. I also acted as a liaison between the different groups who were in Ottawa.
5. I also dealt with a lot of the Veterans who were there supporting the truckers. I was a witness and engaged with a planted professional provocateur on February 18th, 2022. I did several duties at the war memorial. I walked the area of responsibility daily and had very good SA on truck operations. I was also witnessing police trampling and other violent police events.
6. In Ottawa, I saw peaceful protesters who wanted their voices to be heard by our elected officials. Good Canadians (for the most part) who came from across the country were the most patriotic I've ever felt as a Canadian in a long time. Every day I walked the streets of Ottawa and saw how happy and patriotic the protestors were. I also observed many police blockades closing streets and entry points into the "exclusion zone" throughout the city.
7. The most disturbing event I experienced in Ottawa was witnessing what occurred on the 18th and 19th of February 2022 when I saw the police brutally beating people. I wasn't beaten, but I was face to face with the SQ, who were in green drab, and then the police in riot gear. I can speak to several veteran friends who were picked up and dropped off in the freezing cold on the outskirts of Ottawa.
8. I'm also a founding member of Veterans 4 Freedom which arose from the Veterans who were in Ottawa supporting the truckers, lead planner of Rolling Thunder/Op Dignity, and lead planner on Op Topp Cover/Canada day weekend events.

Diego Machado

Please provide your age and occupation:

38, International Lawyer

Where do you live?

Gatineau, Ottawa

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Immigrant from 2013 working class

Tell us about yourself.

I used to work as a policy analyst at the trade and labor division of ESDC Canada. I lost my job cause the mandates. I just bought a house, and I am father of two kids and the responsible for my family.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

Three weeks from 10 to 17

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What was your role?

Sharing and healing with Canadian peaceful protests

Did you donate food or supplies?

Yes

Did you come with your family?

Yes

Were you ever threatened by social services to have your children removed?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Only love sharing and healing human process

Where did you walk/drive? (Street name)

Downtown

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Was terrible, downtown became a war zone

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

Yes

If yes, were you beaten by the police? (explain, snatched, zipped tied, driven away)

Driven away

What were the police wearing? What did they use to beat you? (rifle, stick etc.)

Stick

How did the government mandates affect you?

Mandates destroyed my life. I lost my job and my mental health; I almost lost my new house and my family suffered also the consequences

If you supported the protest, why?

Justice

Monique MacKay

What is your age and occupation:

37, Realtor

Where do you live?

Burlington, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Portuguese Canadian

Tell us about yourself.

I'm a daughter, and sister to a gay brother, whom I love and adore, I'm a mother of 2 beautiful teenage girls. I've been in real estate for 10 years in which I received awards, every year since I started. my daughters went to Australia to live with their dad in April of 2020, a week later Australia shut down their international borders. My children are my life. To not know if and when I was going to see them again was agonizing.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor

Provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far and I believe in ending all the mandates

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

Jan 28- Feb 23

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Clothing for myself, donations for truckers

What was your role?

We provided rooms in the Sheraton for truckers to stay and have a night out of their vehicles. Our room was for showering as well we gave out food, coffee. We also had an RMT providing massages out of our room. I also became a citizen journalist, as I had become an activist over the last 2 years. I have a large social media following and was live streaming the entire time I was in Ottawa. I attended all the press conferences as well, in order to combat MSM false narrative.

Did you donate food or supplies?

Some food and clothing

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Nothing but peace, love, and happiness. I have hours of footage from Ottawa depicting this. I never once saw in all my time there, acts of violence or hate. I actually have 2 separate videos of officers saying we were peaceful

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

Yes, there were no outhouses for us. Fortunately, the Sheraton where we stayed, was not far, and I used their facilities.

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

Wellington Street, Queen Street, Albert Street, and most streets in and around Parliament

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Yes, at the end of Wellington, the blockades were large cement blocks, these were put by police not protestors

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

Yes

If yes, were you beaten by the police? (explain, snatched, zipped tied, driven away)

I was trampled and pepper sprayed, and hit with a baton while on my knees

What were the police wearing? What did they use to beat you? (rifle, stick etc.)

They were in green, a baton and pepper spray

How did the government mandates affect you?

I was unable to go to restaurants, or events. I was separated from my children. I couldn't travel for a period of time. I suffered alone, and was for a period, not able to be with my family. I was ostracised for not wearing a mask. People felt it was ok to threaten me on social media, call me names, and wish death upon me

If you supported the protest, why?

I felt we finally were going to be heard. I had so much hope in the truckers and what they were doing. I saw the detriment of the lockdowns, people losing their jobs, suicide etc. I wanted to be there for all my fellow Canadians who suffered and to end all unjust, unethical mandates

Monique Mackay

1. My name is Monique Mackay, and I am 37 years old and a realtor in Burlington, Ontario. I am the mother of two beautiful girls, aged 15 and 17.
2. In April 2020 my daughters went to live with their father in Queensland, Australia. Just weeks after, Australia shut down its international borders, and I had no certainty of when I'd see my girls again. Travel restrictions were in place in Australia and Canada.
3. I did not see my daughters for eight months due to these travel restrictions and border closures.
4. I was forced to stay in a facility for 14 days, tested and was not even allowed access to a window to open for fresh air. Due to our choice of not taking the covid-19 vaccination, I didn't know, after my last visit, if and when I'd see them again. The lockdowns were some of the hardest days of my life, and the covid-19 mandates kept me and many others away from their loved ones.
5. I travelled to Ottawa at the end of January 2022 to stand together with the truckers and other protesters in a peaceful appeal to the government by way of protesting to end all mandates.
6. As a social media influencer, I also felt the need to document for others what was actually taking place in Ottawa, as what we see in the media is biased and seems to only support our federal government's narrative. The government's narrative has incited and encouraged hatred towards the protesters and those who did not take the covid-19 vaccine, even if medically exempt.
7. I have hours of footage; as I was going live while I was at the protests in Ottawa, I was also granted access to the press conferences I shared on social media. I arrived on January 28th, 2022 and stayed up until February 23rd, 2022
8. On the morning of February 19th, 2022, I was walking on Bank Street, close to Wellington Street, where the police were moving down, trying to disperse all the protestors. I was on my knees telling them I would not move, that we were peaceful, and that was when I was hit with a baton, trampled, and pepper sprayed by the police.
9. Fortunately, as shown in one of my videos, there was a man who covered me to protect me and took most of the pepper spray.
10. To see and experience what happened to people that day is something I will never forget. It has traumatized me, and I believe that the police's actions towards the peaceful

protestors and myself are cruel and unusual punishment and a violation of my charter and human rights.

11. I am so honored and grateful to say that I was able to experience such a loving, peaceful demonstration that united so many Canadians from all different walks of life. People came from all over Canada, from different ethnic and religious backgrounds, and there were many people present and protesting who had chosen to take the covid-19 vaccination.
12. I think of the smiles and the joy in the children's eyes, the people dancing, the homeless being fed, and the entertainers and speakers. This country's diversity, beauty, and understanding of what it truly meant to be Canadian. I will never forget it.





Chris Mackenzie

What is your age and occupation?

37, Mechanic

Where do you live?

Barrie, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Heterosexual male, catholic, middle class, Canadian with European

Tell us about yourself.

Hardworking family man

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor, as an observer, and provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

3 days first weekend

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Camping gear, food, fuel

What was your role?

Protestor

Did you donate food or supplies?

Yes

Did you come with your family?

Yes

Were you ever threatened by social services to have your children removed?

No

Were you ever threatened that your dog would be put down?

No

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Peace, fun, unity, community

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

No

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

Downtown

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Not really

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

No

How did the government mandates affect you?

Livelihood, mental/physical health deterioration,

If you supported the protest, why?

Believed in the cause

Gail MacLean

What is your age and occupation?

60, Semi-retired

Where do you live?

Oshawa, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

middle class female

Tell us about yourself.

I take responsibility for my choices, I rarely use the government provided systems except where required by law (ie license etc). I am not a burden in anyway to the system.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Eric Madsen

Please provide your age and occupation:

42, Skilled Trade

Where do you live?

Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

I am a man with a nuclear family.

Tell us about yourself.

Independent, hard working, logical thinking builder. Outdoor enthusiast.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, and enough is enough. Being 'othered' by my govt. I Will be tolerated in my own country, regardless of what captain socks says.

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Drove

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

I was there for a total of 7 days over a 21 day period

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Water, supplies for the truckers, my friends and beef jerky

What was your role?

Flag waving freedom cheering body in the crowd

Did you donate food or supplies?

Yes, both

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (Peace, hate, flags etc.)

The most loving and accepting experience of my life. I never once felt in danger or threatened, I experienced a new hope I didn't think was possible after 2 years of being pigeonholed by media and gov't.

Where did you walk/drive? (Street name)

Wellington, Metcalfe, sparks, Elgin, Rideau, Sussex.

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Yes, all over the core.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

Yes

How did the government mandates affect you?

Tore apart family and friendships. Ostracized at work, made to feel like a dirty outcast

If you supported the protest, why?

Freedom is essential

Preben Madsen

Please provide your age and occupation:

55, House Painter/Contractor

Where do you live?

Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

White, heterosexual, middle-class male with no religious views.

Tell us about yourself.

Immigrant from Denmark. Divorced. 2 grown kids. Living with my girlfriend.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Kelly Mahood

Please provide your age and occupation:

61, Sales Director

Where do you live?

St. Catharines, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

White female

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I could not travel to Ottawa

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Shelly Maika

Please provide your age and occupation:

49, Sales

Where do you live?

Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Female, Christian, Normal

Tell us about yourself.

Sick and tired of the increasing government control of our lives and the woke Liberal agenda and our national media pushing it on us.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Larissa Malkhassian

Please provide your age and occupation:

34, AR Coordinator

Where do you live?

Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Citizen

Tell us about yourself.

I have a child. I lost my dad a decade ago, shortly after she was born. He had come to Canada as a teenager to achieve bodily autonomy that he would not have had within his country of birth. He loved this country, he started businesses, raised a family, bought property and was a fully contributing Canadian until the day he died. He raised me to understand this country was special, in that, it was a beacon of freedom all over the world. He died believing his family would have all the rights of a Canadian citizen. However, I know that my child is in danger in this country and her bodily autonomy is threatened by government actions & intentions. June 8, 2020, PM JT used a eugenics phrase (coined in the 1900's) to describe mandates. He called them "population control" measures, but the phrase is a synonym meaning to "limit or reduce a population". Following this my daughter's father took his life and last summer my best friend was murdered in a car crash that heavily involved domestic violence, drugs and alcohol. In my small circle we have lost people close to us, not from a virus, but from harm intentionally inflicted by all levels of government over the last 2+ years. Isolation meant to cull. Job loss, increased addiction & mental illness, economy collapse, children's mental health struggles — you name it, the government knew mandates would do great harm. The protestors in Ottawa were justified in demanding answers. We all deserve honesty & healing. The EA was a last resort and the necessary conversations have still to this day not taken place. As it is, our reality as Canadian citizens is that my daughter (or even myself) will need to leave this country, never to return; continuing my father's search for true freedom. Canada is Fortis et Liber no more.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Joe Man

What is your age and occupation?

52, Contractor

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, Enough is enough, and Canada uses the west as its bank account

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

How much did you donate?

\$500+

Why did you donate?

was hoping they could oust trudeau

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Corinna Marche

What is your age and occupation?

Administration

Where do you live?

London, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian Citizen

Tell us about yourself.

Work Hard all my life

Have a 28 yr old Daughter

Home Owner

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/end lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GiveSendGo

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

James Martens

Please provide your age and occupation:

50, Power Engineer

Where do you live?

Rural Manitoba

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian.

Tell us about yourself.

Father of 2

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Claire Marting

1. I am sending this to show how the government of Justin Trudeau has brought unemployment to the country.
2. At the time of the mandate enforcement, I was fired from my job even though I was not working for the federal government.
3. I was working for the Corporation of Lower St. Lawrence Pilots (CLSLP), but in a different building, also located in the Old Port of Quebec. Specifically, I was working at the navigation simulator (Maritime Simulation and Research Centre or MSRC). We are not unionized.
4. They made a policy that follows the federal mandate and they included me in this policy, though I was only at the reception desk. My office was isolated from the site where the simulators are installed and I could have done my work without having contact with the ship pilots.
5. The majority of the courses concerned pilots from Quebec, but also from other provinces of Canada (Ontario, the Maritimes, and B.C.). Very few times, we had pilots from the US, but in the majority of US states, the covid policy has relaxed quicker than in Canada.
6. I asked to be kept there until the end of January 2022. I made it clear to my employer that I did not refuse the vaccine in general, but that I did not want Pfizer. I was waiting for the new Nuvaxovid vaccine from Novavax, which was due in April 2022.
7. I argued that if a vaccine mandate was to be put in place, it required offering more than one vaccine. I often travel to Panamá, and over there, there was no obligation to be vaccinated to enter the country; you just had to pass a PCR test. Also, the population had the choice of over 8 different vaccines!! Remember Panamá is seen as a banana republic led by dictators (organized elections).
8. So I suggested that after January 27, I could work from home, like when I went on a trip to Panamá from December 2020 to January 2021. I worked during the two weeks of isolation from home.
9. I calculated that I would only have to do it in February, March, and part of April. Subsequently, after the first vaccine injection, the policy said that if you only had one injection, you had to take PCR tests; my immediate boss (at the MSRC) agreed to pay for the tests. These tests would have taken place from the end of April to mid-June... date of the 2nd Novavax injection.

10. The General Manager of the Corporation of Pilots refused everything and I was out of my job on November 27.
11. I am 64 years old, and I only had 1.5 years to work before retirement. I was planning to work a little longer, as my birth month is April and I wanted to quit by the end of December 2023. Afterward, I wanted to do 6 months in Panama (winter) and 6 months in Quebec, in jobs related to tourism. I am perfectly trilingual.
12. The Trudeau policy completely shattered that part of my life. At my age, I could have hoped for a better end to my career. In addition, I finally had a good salary and an amount for RRSPs of 18%, which is really excellent! I found myself without the possibility of obtaining unemployment because of the Trudeau policy. I have paid unemployment to others all my life, but I haven't had a cent of all my payments. Injustice!! is the word.
13. After being put out of my job, I was called for 5 different jobs, but they also required 2 vaccine shots; even if the jobs were from Québec enterprises, they wanted vaccinated people. They could not put people out of their job at the provincial level, but they could the future workers to be vaccinated.
14. You must have thousands of stories like mine. I found really no help from organizations that supposedly work for workers.
15. I filed a request with Les Normes du travail du Quebec (don't know the exact name in English: working conditions/norms in Québec). They refused to represent me before the labor courts.
16. They let us down, just like unions that worked with the governments and not the employees.
17. This is why I supported the truckers because no one was supporting me.

Brenda Mason

What is your age and occupation:

67, Retired

Where do you live?

Ottawa

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Heterosexual WASP

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor, as an observer, provided financial support and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Cash directly to truckers

How much did you donate?

500+

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

Approx. 6 times throughout, usually for 3 or 4 hours. I was not present during the police action, but I watched livestreams consistently.

How did you get to the Protest?

Public Transit (OTrain)

What did you bring?

Water and a flag

What was your role?

Supporter, discriminated Canadian

Did you donate food or supplies?

Yes, I befriended a Manitoba convoy couple and took them food.

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

The most loving God presence experience I've ever had. Clean, friendly, respectful, joyful, peaceful. All races, all ages, all circumstances.

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

Wellington, Lyon, Kent, War memorial, Confederation Park

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Although I noticed them, I can't provide specifics. I thought fencing the War Memorial at was a heinous act by the city and attended the peaceful dismantling the next day.

How did the government mandates affect you?

No travel, unable to visit my mom in NB for two years...missed Christmas 2020 and 2021, as well as her 101 and 102 birthdays. Banned from all social activities. Was slurred and dumped by friends and colleagues.

If you supported the protest, why?

They spoke and acted on my behalf and I'm forever grateful to them.

Lisa Massey

Please provide age and occupation:

Lisa Massey, 60, Retired Law Clerk

Where do you live?

Camlachie, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian

Tell us about yourself.

I am a wife, mother, sister, aunt. I worked in the legal field for 35 years and now retired and enjoying living near the beach at Lake Huron. I am a very concerned citizen given the direction this country is heading. Trudeau must go.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor and as an observer

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GiveSendGo

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates

I believe the Government went too far

I wanted to support the truckers in any way I could and assist with their expenses

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

February 13 to February 16, 2022

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

My sister and I went together with Canadian flags and posters saying freedom and thank you truckers. We stayed at a hotel and brought all our own groceries and thank goodness we did because nothing was open except a Starbucks a block away.

What was your role?

Support in person for the truckers and other protestors and supporters.

Did you donate food or supplies?

No but did make donations at several food and beverage stations

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Nothing but peace, love, joy and support for each other. We talked with every passerby, hugged and exchanged stories. We thanked every trucker we saw. It was amazing to walk and read all of the signs etc that were put up along the sidewalks. Everyone we saw had Canadian flags, we had so much fun singing and dancing in front of the main stage. On Valentine's Day we met a family with kids who were handing out valentine cards, my sister still has her card! We did come across a few Ottawa residents who were extremely rude to us telling us to go home. It was the most joyous occasion we had in over two years. For the first time in that two years we realized we were not alone, we were not the fringe minority!

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

We didn't even attempt. Nothing was open! Our hotel was about a 15-minute walk from Wellington. If we needed facilities, we would go back to our hotel and then head back down to Wellington again.

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

Our hotel was on Cartier street. I'm not from Ottawa so I cannot recall the street names.

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

YES! We drove from Sarnia to Ottawa. That was my first time driving to Ottawa. Once we turned off the main highway heading into the downtown core it took over an hour navigating streets using our GPS as several streets were completely blocked off for, what appeared to us, no apparent reason. These were streets many blocks away from the downtown area. We had to continuously reroute our directions in order to get to Cartier Street.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

No

How did the government mandates affect you?

Firstly, I cannot believe anything was mandated! I could not believe what was happening! Mandating useless masks, mandating an experimental injection? I started researching from day one not believing anything we were being told. I resisted the masking as much as possible, thankfully I am retired and was not mandated to keep employment. My niece however, an RN in London, Ontario was FIRED! I cannot believe the extent to which this country went and continues to want every human jabbed with this experimental injection! People have lost their jobs! What the hell is going on here?!

If you supported the protest, why?

I believe the pandemic response was a complete and utter disaster. In my opinion, Covid-19 was used as an excuse for this government to implement an agenda, a global agenda. Extreme government overreach. This protest finally showed unity among Canadians against government tyranny and overreach. Finally, I didn't feel alone anymore, millions of us felt enough was enough! The lengths this government went to to quash this protest proves to me this was never about our health. Our government was so afraid of Canadians uniting and opposing their overreach they would go to any lengths to shut us down. I pray this enquiry will open the minds of Canadians and expose the corruption of this government

Ann Mastad

Please provide age and occupation:

70, Rancher

Where do you live?

Saskatchewan

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Human

Tell us about yourself.

I am a 79-year-old woman who works hard and chose not to get the Covid 'vaccine'. My triple vaccinated, testing negative mother-in-law was locked in solitary confinement in her nursing home (this was mandated by higher up geniuses) until she finally starved herself to death. This should never have happened if the vaccines worked and yet the government chose to mandate them. So many doctors were telling the world about vaccine related deaths and the many, many adverse effects. It is intolerable to us that unvaccinated were discriminated against in so many ways. And the children who are still being exposed to this very dangerous vaccine is heartbreaking.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates, I believe the Government went too far, and I could not travel to Ottawa

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Calvin Mastard

What is your age and occupation:

70, Rancher

Where do you live?

Southern Saskatchewan

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian

Tell us about yourself.

I decided the vaccination was not for me when the Pharmaceutical Companies would not stand behind their product. That was a very huge red flag for us because we felt we would not be vaccinating our cattle herd with an experimental drug. Then once they issued mandates and passports we were horrified. Our son was very sick after his first shot that was required to keep his work with the federal government. He tried desperately for an exemption but was told vaccine or he would be terminated. He went to bed unable to get help and felt he would be dead in the morning. He was lucky- we have since read others with the same symptoms were found dead in their beds. Young healthy people. It makes our blood boil when our tax dollars are used to advertise this vaccine as safe and effective. 🙄 He contracted Covid later from a fellow fully vaccinated workmate. My mother was triple vaccinated in a nursing home and locked in her room in solitary confinement (testing negative for Covid). She apparently was a threat to her fellow inmates. She starved herself to death. I was also kept from her because I was unvaccinated. The federal government had the evilness to mandate this non vaccine on truckers and travel even after it became apparent it was not safe and/or effective. They are still putting it in children which absolutely breaks our hearts. Total disregard for their health and safety and future. We donated and cheered for the Freedom Convoy with every breath in our body. My wife donated to the Convoy and as a result had her credit card compromised. This is Canada for Lord's sake. Also, because she donated we got warning from our Credit Union. We were even advised for peace of mind to withdraw our ranch funds and put them in a manager's cashier's cheque. The Emergencies Act was deplorable beyond belief. Canadians had a legitimate right to protest these travesties federal actions and were met with such disdain from a Prime Minister hiding out with his umpteenth case of Covid. How ironic is that? Funny if it wasn't so appalling.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer, provided financial support, and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

How much did you donate?

100-500

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates, I believe the Government went too far, and I could not travel to Ottawa

Calvin Matens

What is your age and occupation:

43, Data Analyst

Where do you live?

Steinbach, Manitoba

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

I was born and raised as a Canadian. I'm generally a conservative, Christian, but all around average Canadian citizen.

Tell us about yourself.

I am proud to be a Canadian, I want peace and prosperity for all Canadians including the ones I disagree with. I am a happily married man with kids ranging from 7 to 24

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Akemi Matsumiya

What is your age and occupation?

60, Mail Carrier

Where do you live?

British Columbia

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Asian, Female

Tell us about yourself.

Loving nature

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Debbie Matters

Please provide age and occupation:

58, Retired

Where do you live?

Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Traditional white Christian female

Tell us about yourself.

I am unvaccinated and live on a farm in rural Alberta. I have serious health issues and still managed to stay healthy and free of Covid. I was discriminated by people in the public and by family and friends because of my decision to not be vaccinated. It made the two years so much worse! I thank the Truck Convoy for making a huge difference! I took part online and in person at a provincial level.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support

Supported without being present

Provincial in person protestor

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa

I believe in ending all the mandates

I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

David Maybury

1. I am a federal civil servant who is the technical lead of data science in the Digital Services Branch at Public Services and Procurement Canada. Previously, I worked for a decade as a senior operational research scientist at National Defence, after having obtained a Ph.D. in physics from the University of Alberta with postdoctoral appointments at the University of Oxford and Carleton University. I have lived on Kent Street in the same building for over 12 years.
2. From my bedroom window, I have a perfect view down Kent Street from St Patrick's Basilica all the way to the Supreme Court. From the day the convoy arrived to the day it left, I lived directly over top of the protest. I can safely say that I am one of the few Ottawa residents who can claim that the men and women in the convoy were my literal neighbours.
3. Throughout January, I heard sporadically that a convoy of anti-mandate protesters might descend on Ottawa. I had no idea if the protest would materialize and, if it did, I figured it would probably fizzle into a small group, only to disappear as quickly as it started. On Friday, January 28th, as the convoy started to assemble on Kent Street, I came to realize that a large pan-Canadian movement arrived to deliver a message to our government that they had had enough of being treated like second-class citizens.
4. Each day the protesters honked their horns. The crowd cheered boisterously, but with positive energy waving Canadian and provincial flags. As they arrived, I watched how the families in the convoy made new friends. The licence plates themselves told a story of new found fraternity and a reassurance that they were not alone in delivering their message. In the evening, between 6pm and 8pm all the honking ceased for the night. I expected as much – the people on my street had just driven thousands of kilometres, and I could see that for all their excitement, they were exhausted. Immediately, my wife and I noticed that Kent Street was quieter at night, a stillness which lasted for the entire duration of the convoy. You see, for the last year Kent Street has had a problem. At the south end of the street, if you are waiting at a red light, you eventually see a wave of green approach as all the lights begin to turn. Some young men in souped cars see that green wave as an invitation to use Kent Street as a raceway. It's loud and dangerous, and it happens late at night at least three times a week. When the convoy was here none of that happened; I couldn't have slept better. Drag racing returned not long after they left.
5. On the evening of February 2nd, I read articles from different news sources across Canada about what was happening outside my bedroom window, and those descriptions resembled little of what I could plainly see with my own eyes. Even more perplexing, I had not seen one news agency interviewing anyone in the convoy or reporting from the ground. I didn't know where the news outlets were getting their information, so I decided that evening at 10pm to go down my street and talk with anyone in the convoy who was willing.

I spent two hours on Kent Street that night talking with dozens of protesters, all of them eager to be heard.

6. They were polite. When I pointed out where I lived, many sheepishly apologized for the noise during the day. I thought, how Canadian. I talked to people of every race including an Indigenous man from Manitoulin Island. We chatted for a while next to his little charcoal BBQ, and he told me his reasons why he wanted to be part of the anti-mandate protest. Big burly men hugged me; they wanted someone to listen. The people on my street had a message for the government, but they were not insurrectionists or people consumed by hate. Sure they were angry about the mandates, but they were overwhelmingly proud of Canada. They love this country; they camped out on my street to remind us that we can do better.
7. When I returned to my condo after midnight, I couldn't sleep. In my head, I kept revisiting the conversations, thinking about all the far-off places my new neighbours had travelled from. I host a small blog so I decided the best thing to do was write. By 7 am I posted 1600 words about my experiences. Attached is my article – "A night with the untouchables." As far as I could tell, I was one of the first Canadians to write about conversations with people in the convoy. I don't really have a social media presence; I've never sent a tweet in my life. I only sent a link to a friend who lives in the same building as I do and to a friend from my tennis club.
8. By 10 am, my blog post had gone viral. In the end, millions of people read my post. The following week, an MP in the House of Commons asked the Prime Minister to read it. Media outlets and podcasters from across Canada and from around the world inundated me with interview requests. I refused them all – the story was on my street, the men and women who were sacrificing their livelihood and, in some cases, risking their freedom to be heard. The media needed to talk to the people in the convoy; I was not the story. I never made one dime off my blog. In fact, I paid for the extra server capacity myself to keep up with the traffic. To this day, I still receive messages of thanks for painting a human face on what the media had described as a faceless mob.
9. The convoy was civil disobedience. On that point, I think we can all agree. Yet, for all the civil unrest, my new neighbours kept the streets clean, cleared snow from the sidewalks first thing in the morning, and ensured that the cross streets and intersections remained free of vehicles. More importantly, they did not resort to violence, even though unfounded accusations of violence were attributed to them by some politicians who, instead of trading in inflammatory rhetoric, should have been looking to secure a peaceful resolution. Unlike the op-eds that graced the national newspapers telling us that the convoy represented an unparalleled seditious threat to democracy, I believe the people on my street showed the greatness of this country. Such instances of civil disobedience in Canada, though fortunately rare, are not unique. From the Winnipeg General Strike to the Ipperwash Crisis,

sometimes the minorities in our democracy need to remind us that we are all Canadians, and no one is second class.

A night with the untouchables

I live in downtown Ottawa, right in the middle of the trucker convoy protest. They are literally camped out below my bedroom window. My new neighbours moved in on Friday and they seem determined to stay. I have read a lot about what my new neighbours are supposedly like, mostly from reporters and columnists who write from distant vantage points somewhere in the media heartland of Canada. Apparently the people who inhabit the patch of asphalt next to my bedroom are white supremacists, racists, hatemongers, pseudo-Trumpian grifters, and even QAnon-style nutters. I have a perfect view down Kent Street – the absolute ground zero of the convoy. In the morning, I see some protesters emerge from their trucks to stretch their legs, but mostly throughout the day they remain in their cabs honking their horns. At night I see small groups huddled in quiet conversations in their new found companionship. There is no honking at night. What I haven't noticed, not even once, are reporters from any of Canada's news agencies walking among the trucks to find out who these people are. So last night, I decided to do just that – I introduced myself to my new neighbours.

At 10pm I started my walk along – and in – Kent Street. I felt nervous. Would these people shout at me? My clothes, my demeanour, even the way I walk screamed that I'm an outsider. All the trucks were aglow in the late evening mist, idling to maintain warmth, but all with ominously dark interiors. Standing in the middle of the convoy, I felt completely alone as though these giant monsters weren't piloted by people but were instead autonomous transformer robots from some science fiction universe that had gone into recharging mode for the night. As I moved along I started to notice smatterings of people grouped together between the cabs sharing cigarettes or enjoying light laughs. I kept quiet and moved on. Nearby, I spotted a heavy duty pickup truck, and seeing the silhouette of a person in the driver's seat, I waved. A young man, probably in his mid 20s, rolled down the window, said hello and I introduced myself. His girlfriend was reclined against the passenger side door with a pillow to prop her up as she watched a movie on her phone. I could easily tell it's been an uncomfortable few nights. I asked how they felt and I told them I lived across the street. Immediate surprise washed over the young man's face. He said, "You must hate us. But no one honks past 6pm!" That's true. As someone who lives right on top of the convoy, there is no noise at night. I said, "No, I don't hate anyone, but I wanted to find out about you." The two were from Sudbury Ontario, having arrived on Friday with the bulk of the truckers. I ask what they hoped to achieve, and what they wanted. The young woman in the passenger seat moved forward, excited to share. They said that they didn't want a country that forced people to get medical treatments such as vaccines. There was no hint of conspiracy theories in their conversation with me, not a hint of racist overtones or hateful demagoguery. I didn't ask them if they had taken the vaccine, but they were adamant that they were not anti-vaxers.

The next man I ran into was standing in front of the big trucks at the head of the intersection. Past middle age and slightly rotund, he had a face that suggests a lifetime of working outdoors. I introduced myself and he told me he was from Cochrane, Ontario. He also proudly pointed out that he was the block captain who helped maintain order. I thought, oh no, he might be the one person keeping a lid on things; is it all that precarious? I delicately asked how hard his job was to keep the peace but I quickly learned that's not really what he did. He organized the garbage collection among the cabs, put together snow removal crews to shovel the sidewalks and clear the snow that accumulates on the road. He even has a salting crew for the sidewalks. He proudly bellowed in an irrepressible laugh "We're taking care of the roads and sidewalks better than the city." I waved goodbye and continued to the next block.

My next encounter was with a man dressed in dark blue shop-floor coveralls. A wiry man of upper middle age, he seemed taciturn and stood a bit separated from the small crowd that formed behind his cab for a late night smoke. He hailed from the Annapolis Valley, Nova Scotia. He owned his own rig, but he only drove truck occasionally, his main job being a self-employed heavy duty mechanic. He closed his shop to drive to Ottawa, because he said, "I don't want my new granddaughter to live in a country that would strip the livelihood from someone for not getting vaccinated." He introduced me to the group beside us. A younger crowd, I can remember their bearded faces, from Athabasca, Alberta, and Swift Current Saskatchewan. The weather had warmed, and it began to rain slightly, but they too were excited to tell me why they came to Ottawa. They felt that they needed to stand up to a government that doesn't understand what their lives are like. To be honest, I don't know what their lives are like either – a group of young men who work outside all day with tools that they don't even own. Vaccine mandates are a bridge too far for them. But again, not a hint of anti-vax conspiracy theories or deranged ideology.

I made my way back through the trucks, my next stop leading me to a man of East Indian descent in conversation with a young man from Sylvan Lake, Alberta. They told me how they were following the news of O'Toole's departure from the Conservative leadership and that they didn't like how in government so much power has pooled into so few hands.

The rain began to get harder; I moved quickly through the intersection to the next block. This time I waved at a driver in one of the big rigs. Through the rain it was hard to see him, but he introduced himself, an older man, he had driven up from New Brunswick to lend his support. Just behind him some young men from Gaspésie, Quebec introduced themselves to me in their best English. At that time people started to notice me – this man from Ottawa who lives across the street – just having honest conversations with the convoy. Many felt a deep sense of abuse by a powerful government and that no one thinks they matter.

Behind the crowd from Gaspésie sat a stretch van, the kind you often see associated with industrial cleaners. I could see the shadow of a man leaning out from the back as he placed a small charcoal BBQ on the sidewalk next to his vehicle. He introduced himself and told me he was from one of the reservations on Manitoulin Island. Here I was in conversation with an Indigenous man who was fiercely proud to be part of the convoy. He showed me his medicine wheel and he pointed to its colours, red, black, white, and yellow. He said there is a message of healing in there for all the human races, that we can come together because we are all human. He said, "If you ever find yourself on Manitoulin Island, come to my reserve, I would love to show you my community." I realized that I was witnessing something profound; I don't know how to fully express it.

As the night wore on and the rain turned to snow, those conversations repeated themselves. The man from Newfoundland with his bullmastiff, a young couple from British Columbia, the group from Winnipeg that together form what they call "Manitoba Corner" all of them with similar stories. At Manitoba Corner a boisterous heavily tattooed man spoke to me from the cab of his dually pickup truck – a man who had a look that would have fit right in on the set of some motorcycle movie – pointed out that there are no symbols of hate in the convoy. He said, "Yes there was some clown with a Nazi flag on the weekend, and we don't know where he's from, but I'll tell you what, if we see anyone with a Nazi flag or a Confederate flag, we'll kick his fucking teeth in. No one's a Nazi here." Manitoba Corner all gave a shout out to that.

As I finally made my way back home, after talking to dozens of truckers into the night, I realized I met someone from every province except PEI. They all have a deep love for this country. They believe in it. They believe in Canadians. These are the people that Canada relies on to build its infrastructure, deliver its goods, and fill the ranks of its military in times of war. The overwhelming concern they have is that the vaccine mandates are creating an untouchable class of Canadians. They didn't make high-falutin arguments from Plato's Republic, Locke's treatises, or Bagehot's interpretation of Westminster parliamentary systems. Instead, they see their government willing to push a class of people outside the boundaries of society, deny them a livelihood, and deny them full membership in the most welcoming country in the world; and they said enough. Last night I learned my new neighbours are not a monstrous faceless occupying mob. They are our moral conscience reminding us – with every blow of their horns – what we should have never forgotten: We are not a country that makes an untouchable class out of our citizens.

Lucas Mayotte

Please provide your age and occupation:

39, Electrician

Where do you live?

Saskatchewan

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

I only identify as a Canadian man

Tell us about yourself.

I'm tired of being told I'm a white supremacist and an extremist for holding traditional Canadian values.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer, provided financial support, and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Erin Maze

What is your age and occupation?

60, Semi-retired/Self-employed

Where do you live?

Kamloops, BC

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

I have always really identified with being Canadian. A strong believer in freedom of choice and the concept of allowing others the same freedom. I really believed that was a common Canadian value. I would describe myself as a heterosexual female, mother, grandmother, and spiritual being without religious affiliation. Worked for years in public health but got out just before the covid fiasco.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

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Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated by e-transfer

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Colin McAdam

1. I am writing as a member of the public in order to voice my opinions, and my dismay, about the declaration of the Emergencies Act in response to the convoy last February.
2. I live in Chelsea, Quebec, a short drive from Parliament, and last February I drove to the Hill on the day the convoy began arriving. I was curious. My family, like millions of others, had endured some of the most stringent, intrusive, authoritarian measures over the previous two years (especially in Quebec) of anywhere in the world. I had lost income, my wife and I were isolated and depressed, and our daughter, normally a force of energy and enthusiasm was lonely, despondent, and angry. She couldn't see friends, couldn't go to school, was told to cover her face, and viewed her friends not as people but as vectors of disease.
3. Over those two years I had done my best to inform myself of the nature of Covid-19 – whom it killed, how, and why. A disease that overwhelmingly harmed only those who were already very ill, whose mortality rate is comparable to that of the flu; a disease which, it is now abundantly clear, withstands whatever benefits these mandated vaccines were meant to impart to those who are healthy and eager to contribute to society. Many people I knew had been infected, and my family and I had been infected, all while doing our best to 'obey' rules and forfeiting our natural need for company, for friends. Our experience was by no means unique.
4. What I saw play out in Canada was an alarming division between those who could continue to work, to draw income, to stay at home and enjoy more time with their families, and those, like me, who could not 'pivot'. People who owned gyms and restaurants, musicians, people who relied on entrepreneurialism, on creativity, on service, on the individual energy that makes cities and countries interesting, found themselves the victims of arbitrary decisions about what was 'essential'.
5. It is a division that has only increased, and will no doubt continue to. I have a Ph.D. from Cambridge University, I am an award-winning novelist, I have lived all over the world, and have been a student of history for decades. Like many, I was disheartened to see my Charter rights completely ignored or trampled: freedom of assembly, freedom of movement, and perhaps most importantly freedom of speech.
6. After two years of miserable and unnecessary restrictions and mandates, a group of 'truckers' rallied to have their voices heard. We were told that these were ill-informed, bigoted, anti-science ignoramuses who did not deserve our tolerance.

7. On that first day I did not see these caricatures I was meant to expect, I saw people. People, like me but from all walks of life and from many different places across the country, who had endured two very long years of divisive and ineffective mandates. People I may not have had a lot in common with in superficial ways, but people whom I, as a human being and Canadian, have an inescapable connection and a social obligation to. We speak all the time in Canada about tolerance and diversity, about caring for the vulnerable, and these are things I believe in deeply. None of this language was at play as these trucks began to arrive. Were these not the people who most deserved our tolerance? Those who lost their livelihoods because of arbitrary and mostly inappropriate calculations about a respiratory virus? The man who opened a yoga studio when the pandemic began, forced to close it because it was not 'essential', forced to sell his house to support himself. The mother whose son died because he couldn't join his hockey team without being vaccinated, who was killed by the vaccine and would likely have otherwise experienced Covid as a cold. Is it not our role as Canadians to 'tolerate' these people, to be curious about their stories, to listen?
8. The reality for me, as I walked down Wellington Street on that first day, was a sense of uplifting joy. Of course, there was an element of protest, of frustration, but people were overwhelmingly and openly connecting, shouting words of love - perhaps not to the Prime Minister, but to each other. It was a sunny day, minus 30, and it seemed to me that this was actually summer, a day of hope after a two-year winter. The atmosphere was so joyful, so energizing, that I brought my wife and daughter the next day, when thousands more people gathered - people of every description, families, groups of indigenous singers, many races, and, of course, drunk, and Carhartt-wearing 'truckers' who were shouting 'I love you!' to everyone.
9. Tellingly, I noticed no media that day. No one reporting on this crowd of thousands, no one looking for stories. At night I watched coverage on CBC and CTV and the angles they chose, the 'facts' and incidents they reported, were sickening to me. Completely unrepresentative of what my family and I had seen with open eyes. Completely ignorant of the irrefutable ethos of those days which was one of joy, of people wanting to connect again.
10. And, of course, it played out as it did. The divisions deepened, the misreporting grew, and all of it culminated in this upsetting act of government overreach, the use of the Emergencies Act and the freezing of bank accounts. That last act alone should send chills through every thinking Canadian: if we support a cause that a government declares 'unacceptable' our bank accounts can be frozen and our reputation ruined. I find that terrifying.

11. Was it disruptive, were some of the protesters unseemly, were there moments of discomfort and voices that some didn't agree with? These are inescapable consequences of democracy, of acknowledging that the world, our country, truly is diverse, and that from that diversity come voices we sometimes don't like to hear. I deeply believe that a government does not have the right to decide which of us has the right to speak. We have the right as private citizens to plug our ears or summon the fortitude to listen. I no longer feel able or comfortable making my voice heard in this country, for fear that my life and livelihood could be ruined. That is a deep and real assault to my Charter rights. Putting these very words down, regardless of their inconsequence, has been an act I've thought twice about. And I find that pitiful.

Patrick McCormick

1. Today, I went for lunch with my brother and my son. It was nice. It was the first time I have been in a restaurant since the pandemic was declared and all businesses were shuttered.
2. It was odd to think of that as I sat in the restaurant. But that is not why the Freedom Convoy was important to me.
3. In October 2021, I fell ill with COVID-19. I went to the local Emergency Room. Two things happened. I was treated with derision by the medical staff and lectured about why I had not taken the shot. The second thing that happened was that I was sent home without treatment. My blood saturation was already at 93%. Below 95% it would be normal for some kind of treatment. I was given no medication. Why? Because the Canadian government (and subsequently the provincial governments) banned the two main early treatments that were available and already being used with great success around the world. Hydroxychloroquine and Ivermectin. Those two inexpensive treatments could have been offered. I was in the early stages of COVID sickness. The treatment would have cost maybe \$100.00. But no, I was sent home. I was told if it got worse, I should call 911.
4. I continued to get sicker, but the problem was my oxygen levels were already low enough to impair my ability to think clearly. Five days later I knew I was in serious trouble. I called 911. My oxygen saturation was down to 72%. At 70%, it is considered potentially fatal. At that level, organs begin to shut down.
5. I spent eighteen days in the hospital, eleven of those in the ICU. The doctors wanted to intubate me and place me on the ventilator. My instincts screamed at me to not allow them. I did not.
6. While I was in the hospital, my employer put me on Leave-Without-Pay for not complying with the Vaccine Policy that was rolled out while I fought for my life. It took seven months to regain enough lung function and strength to return to work, only I could not return to my employer because the vaccine policy was still in effect. I found another job. I paid less and it was really hard to transition to working 12 hours per day when I had not been able to stay awake for longer than four or five hours during my recovery.
7. I got a recall letter to return to work on August 1. I was full-time when they placed me on Leave-Without Pay. They said I would keep my status, but I would be placed on the casual roster with no guarantee of hours. When I told them I had started work while on the forced Leave-Without-Pay, they said I could not take another position without prior approval. They said this was in the union Agreement. I was fired.

8. When the Freedom Convoy started and then quickly grew, I felt pride as a Canadian for the first time since the pandemic was declared. I would have driven to Ottawa myself, but I was too weak still. I reveled in each moment, with every interview given, with every scene shown without bias. This great movement spoke to me directly. These people were standing for people like me. These people were uniting Canadians across this great country.
9. The actions of our governments have been criminal. The actions of the medical establishment have been unforgivable. The actions of the press have been unconscionable.
10. I had a choice. I could be coerced into taking a medical treatment I clearly did not need, nor was I medically fit to withstand, or I could lose my job. I lost my job. I almost lost my life. My son almost lost his father. The Freedom Convoy gave a voice to people like me when my voice was muted and inconsequential.
11. What has been done to the people of this country will take years to recover from. The divisions created by power-hungry politicians may never be repaired in some cases.
12. The Freedom Convoy showed the world that 'We the People' have power and a voice. And even though our corrupt government used the Emergencies Act to violently shut down a peaceful protest, it sparked a revolutionary movement around the world. 'The people of the world are standing up in every country.
13. Perhaps people in my situation will never see justice directly, but one day the people who did these things and made Canadians suffer so greatly will have to answer for their crimes. If not in this life, in the next. Karma is inescapable.

Stephanie McEvoy

What is your age and occupation:

53, Homeschooling, Mother, Activist

Where do you live?

Rural Ottawa, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Husband is Irish, I have middle east, Lebanese heritage

Tell us about yourself.

I have a BSc, hon in Math. I worked for years in Ottawa hi-tech until I had my first born. While having 3 kids, I always volunteered in my community according to my interests. Currently, my activism has taken me to advocate for veterans who suffer with PTSD

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor and I volunteered

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

How much did you donate?

I volunteered time

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

I attended every weekend, was at honk-honk church and once or twice during week. Plus volunteered at Coventry road at the intake desk.

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Sometimes I brought road salt bags to War Memorial. I brought a Canadian flag.

What was your role?

I was a supporter and volunteer. I also tried to record all the fun to show people what it was really like. I brought my hairdresser to give free haircuts to truckers at Coventry road.

Did you donate food or supplies?

I almost forgot, I offered my home to veterans who needed a warm meal, to do laundry, and might need a warm bed because they were sleeping in their pick-up trucks and doing night patrols of the trucks downtown for security.

Did you come with your family?

Yes

Were you ever threatened by social services to have your children removed?

A woman on my walk downtown when I took my 13 yr old son yelled at me saying I was disgusting. I guess she knew I was walking to the trucker convoy.

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

At the freedom convoy I could not stop smiling. My face hurt from it. The atmosphere was magical, invigorating and addictive. People could not stop hugging each other. It was indescribable the joy.

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

I walked all over, Wellington, Elgin, Bank; wherever trucks were, I walked.

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Yes, I saw different barricades in place all over. Of course, during brutality weekend, I saw the high fence/gates because I drove downtown to see them.

If yes, were you beaten by the police? (explain, snatched, zipped tied, driven away)

I was volunteering at Coventry Road HQ and everyone was so upset. They said to call the Canadian military for help because peaceful protesters, veterans and truckers were being brutalized downtown.

How did the government mandates affect you?

My husband and I were constantly fighting about mask wearing and my protesting. My daughter ended up in emergency twice at CHEO for her mental health. Mental health, assessments, workshops and resources were shut down for almost 2 years. I have lost my daughter, she moved out at age 15 from her family home. She will not talk to her birth family.

If you supported the protest, why?

I supported the protest because I can not support a lie. It is not within me to do that.

Ray McGinnis

What is your age and occupation?

64, Writer

Where do you live?

Vancouver, BC

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Anglo-saxon, Protestant, middle class, gay

Tell us about yourself.

I am a writer, born in Canada

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GiveSendGo

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Sean McGuinness

Please provide your age and occupation:

47, Freight Broker

Where do you live?

Milo, Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

White Christian middle class straight male

Tell us about yourself.

Just trying to make it through life wife housewife kids' family

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Ron McIntyre

What is your age and occupation?

57, Unemployed due to mandates

Where do you live?

London, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

White Hetero

Tell us about yourself.

Lost my job at the beginning of 2022 for refusing to disclose my medical status

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Bree McKenzie

What is your age and occupation?

37, Legal Assistant

Where do you live?

Cochrane, Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian citizen

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Neil McKinney

1. I reside in Ottawa's downtown core, Ontario, approximately ten blocks south of Parliament Hill. I work as an Officer in Community Initiatives at United Way East Ontario. Most of my work involves supporting several key initiatives that UWEO has spearheaded: employment for persons with disabilities, employment for Indigenous youth, successful aging for seniors, and community wealth building, which includes social procurement. The bulk of my work centers around community building, fostering partnerships to improve the quality of life of the most vulnerable, and enhancing the capacity of agencies, thereby uplifting our collective community engagement to make Ottawa a better city for everyone.
2. After the arrival of the protestors in Ottawa on January 28, 2022, I walked up to Parliament Hill about fifteen to twenty times in total. In doing so, I visited and spoke with at least 45 to 50 truckers and supporters of the protest located on Metcalfe Street, Slater Street, Kent Street, Bank Street, Wellington Avenue, and Confederation Park. In these encounters, I observed that all of the people whom I met were, at all times, friendly, courteous, considerate, and peaceful. At no time did I observe any aggressive, threatening, or inappropriate behavior. I would like to clearly underscore this statement as someone who was the victim of an assault on the streets of Ottawa in 2004 and suffered PTSD as a result. Furthermore, I make this declaration as a gay man in his early 60s who went up to the protest both during the day and at night unaccompanied and alone, and at no time did I feel intimidated or unsafe.
3. I also observed that the truckers and their supporters are made up of the most diverse, inclusive, and varied cross-section of Canadian demographics I have ever experienced in my life. For example, I saw a Sikh truck driver with his children, an Indigenous elder blessing the gathering, a black pastor performing a Sunday service, Canadians of all ethnicities, and multiple families with their children. Furthermore, several truckers I met directly were from former communist countries in Eastern Europe who felt it was their civic duty as new Canadians to uphold and protect the values and liberties of our Charter of Rights and Freedoms. These very liberties attracted them to Canada in the first place.
4. I observed truckers decorating the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier with flowers as well as guarding it. I also observed an encampment beside the Terry Fox Memorial as a means of holding watch over it. Garbage was cleaned, the sidewalks were shoveled, and the homeless were fed. At no point did I ever see violent or threatening behavior.
5. My ability to travel in downtown Ottawa or to and from Parliament Hill was not impeded by the presence of the truckers. On the contrary, the atmosphere on Parliament Hill was always safe, welcoming, and congenial. Regarding the honking of horns, my sleep at night has not been disrupted by any unwanted sound despite living downtown. I observed that

the truckers did not honk their horns at night. Furthermore, my everyday life was not disrupted by any noise related to the protest during the day.

6. Finally, what I observed was not in accord with what I saw in the media nor what I experienced directly either with the truckers, their supporters, or the gathering of people on Parliament Hill. In my opinion, the media appeared to be framing the protest, and the events around their presence in Ottawa, in the most unfavourable, erroneous and distorted manner possible.

Kevin McLaughlin

Please provide your age and occupation:

55, Tradesman

Where do you live?

Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Traditional

Tell us about yourself.

Single dad of 6, coach hockey and ball and work

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present. Paid attention, totally supported.

Why were you involved in the Protest?

Government overreach, Enough is enough, and End mandates/End lockdowns

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Haily McLean

1. I am a Wife, Mom of 3, Former Teacher, Canada Post Supervisor, and Freedom Advocate. I don't think I am able to fully explain how the unfair, divisive, damaging and ridiculous government mandates were on my family throughout Covid, but I will try.
2. When the pandemic was first declared, they divided Canada's entire workforce into essential and non-essential the amount of stress that caused us as we awaited to hear if we would have employment in order to support our bills and feed our children. While both my husband and I were deemed "essential" (btw who gets up and goes to work day in and day out for an "inessential paycheck"- everyone's work is ESSENTIAL!!!), I was forced to walk away from a position I spent the last 15 years working diligently towards, because my children, aged 5, 7, and 9, were too young to homeschool themselves. So immediately we were down a paycheck.
3. The ridiculous online learning required we now purchase a tablet for my children who never played video games or had "tablet time" (they always were outdoor kids!), and now would be stuck sitting for 7 hours a day with their faces in a screen! My blood boils just thinking about what this did to my kids! After a month of tears, anger, frustration, confusion, and feelings of hopelessness, I said enough was enough and homeschooled them myself- as the system sure as heck wasn't prepared or willing to provide effective education to our children!
4. Our youngest, who prior to Covid engaged in multiple weekly speech therapy sessions both in school and privately, was abandoned in his care. Speech therapy, and all others, were done. Those needs no longer mattered. We were only to care about Covid.
5. The constant fear-mongering and threats by our government officials caused anxiety beyond anything I've ever experienced. Everyone was scared- which we all know is the worst state to be in if one were to come in contact with a virus, they needed their body to fight it off. Instead, people either panicked, spiking their stress hormone, if they had a sniffle or any one of the thousands of ridiculous potential symptoms, or people locked themselves away terrified of the world they once enjoyed and participated in joyfully. The mind games and manipulation on society can never be repaired.
6. It became evident VERY quickly just how non-threatening Covid really was. To this day, we do not know a single person who died of Covid. We do know MANY who were falsely labeled Covid deaths, however. I'm still waiting to see why a fatal car accident where a loved one was decapitated was deemed "a Covid death"??? When you see this, it becomes extremely evident that there is something amiss and any critical thinker is going to start asking questions. But asking questions was discouraged- really any critical thinking was discouraged.

7. When I would reach out to my children's friends and request a play date, almost all parents declined, as we weren't "in their bubble". Pardon my French, but wtf was all that about??? We could go to Walmart, or Costco, and shop with hundreds of strangers, but we couldn't allow our children to play outdoors with friends. We couldn't hug and kiss our mothers on Mother's Day? Some people only didn't do these things out of fear of punishment or neighborly judgment!? Again, the manipulation and fear was unbelievable and criminal!
8. Then mask mandates came out. Having a child who suffered from severe asthma, he was involved in a clinical trial when Covid hit, and wearing a mask was simply NOT SAFE for my son! While his physicians informed me of this, they said "their hands were tied and they couldn't write an exemption", and both added, "I could lose my licence and the exemption likely won't be accepted anyways". I couldn't believe my ears. So while they themselves admitted the potential and likely harm a mask would cause my son, they were under threat of losing their licence for providing him with appropriate care and instructions to manage his health effectively?
9. The ongoing condemnation of "anti-maskers" was so unjustified and downright wrong! Shame on our politicians, public health, and media for their role in this! To make matters worse, as data came out, masks were proven time and time again to be ineffective and actually more detrimental to our health as us laymen aren't properly taught how to don/doff, we weren't wearing proper facial protection (cloth masks), and in all honesty there was no way to ensure cross-contamination in a non-medical environment!
10. The whole mandate was to once again divide and ensure public disapproval would lead to a greater amount of compliance. Most people wore masks to avoid conflict rather than protect themselves or others! Absolutely ridiculous and manipulative once again.
11. Due to our PUBLICALLY FUNDED education system and the lack of any effective measures, our children were refused education on the basis of not wearing masks. Children are germ vessels. They aren't clean, nor are they meant to be sanitized every 3 seconds! They need to play, swap germs, and interact normally as this is what decades upon decades of research suggests! Healthy children have healthy immune systems that are constantly interacting with the environment and the people around them.
12. To expect a child to keep their face covered with ANY paper or cloth and not touch it cross-contaminate, dispose of properly, is ABSURD!!!! You don't need to be a doctor to know these masks would cause more illness than they claimed to prevent! This led to my having to go without work for over 2 years! Two and a half years I was off work. We were forced to sell our home that we built with our own hands. Our children lost their friends, their formal education, their health services, all extracurriculars, their home, and the joyful and happy home they always knew.

13. The stress these last 2.5 years has caused is irreparable. The stress led me to a very aggressive form of lupus. I am now riddled with arthritis head to toe when I never had a single sign of arthritis prior to this nightmare. I don't trust big pharma whatsoever after what I witnessed and experienced over the C19 vaccine! Oh my employment mandated the vaccine and I would have been fired had I not been on a leave of absence at the time. I saw amazing employees only years away from retiring lose their jobs.
14. These unjustifiable, reckless, dangerous and once again DIVISIVE vaccine mandates destroyed lives! So many weeping as they went and got an irreversible injection they didn't want because their only other option they saw was losing their livelihoods and the irreparable damage that would cause. WHAT AN EVIL PLAN! WHAT AN EVIL POLICY!
15. I could go on and on about How we were refused entry into a province we were moving too, how my 7 year old son was denied entry into London Children's Hospital even though he had a terrible humorous fracture and was denied surgery simply because he medically couldn't wear a mask! Another surgeon explained sue to this negligence, my son would "forever be deformed".
16. There isn't enough justice, enough apologies, enough reparations that could ever change or begin to repair the damage these unscientific, evil mandates caused. We have no hope for the future. Planning is futile. We now are looking at the dark future of Digital IDs that will enable this tyrannical government to control every aspect of our lives. This isn't the freedom our forefathers fought for. Shame on those who created, implemented (knowingly or blindly), participated in and encouraged the evil over the past 2 years.
17. When I hear that Ottawa citizens are sad about the disruptions they experienced for a few weeks. Did they lose their livelihoods? Their homes? Their health? Their children to suicide? Their spouses to depression or divorce?
18. The Trucker Convoy is literally the only period of time MANY Canadians felt hope over the past 2.5 years! Canadians were united! They weren't divided for the first time! This is WHY Trudeau felt threatened. UNITY is threatening to tyrants! He showed his true colours and his "mishandling" of the absolute peaceful protest that occurred in February of 2022 will forever be a stain on Canadian history. If I could leave my own country I would leave without a stitch of clothing or material possession! And I'd never look back!
19. Being Canadian in 2022 SUCKS! Our future is bleak and quite scary.

Marie McLean

Please provide your age and occupation:

68, Retired Teacher

Where do you live?

Cobourg, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

I can't describe what I can't feel

Tell us about yourself.

I am in deep disgust by the low intellectual and moral standards of govt. I despair at the lies and fraud.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer and provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, enough is enough, and time for transformation

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$1-\$25

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I was so proud to be Canadian the day the truckers drove under me on that overpass. I wanted to support them. They brought the people on that bridge alive again.

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

The day they were setting up the fences. I think it was the 17th. It was awful. Police everywhere in large clumps. You could feel the emotional barometer dropping, truckers giving furtive looks. You just knew something bad was coming but they stayed anyway. I felt so guilty leaving them there.

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

An umbrella.

What was your role?

Curious. Show support.

Did you donate food or supplies?

Cash

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Peace mixed with unease at police activity. It was really appalling understanding police were planning something that looked like kettling.

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

Went to a cafe.

Where did you walk/drive? (Street name)

Wellington area

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

No

If you supported the protest, why?

We need Canada to be its best. I cannot believe the level of corruption and mediocrity. Deeply shaming.

Joanne McLennan

1. I'm a 50-ish year-old woman who had a really happy stable healthy life before Covid. The Covid lockdowns and vaccine mandates changed all of that.
2. The government told my family members and my friends that my choices about my own body were selfish, wrong, & unacceptable. I was not allowed to live the same life as the vaccinated. I was discriminated against. I was told I was an unacceptable minority. Some of my family and many of my friends believed that I must have suddenly lost my mind. I was called many horrible names by my government. I was alone.
3. I had never felt so depressed. My mental health was in trouble. I didn't want to live in this world.
4. Discrimination promoted by the Canadian government. Hate speech promoted by the Canadian government. How can hate and discrimination not affect my life?
5. Then the Freedom Convoy started to roll. I watched them with tears in my eyes as I realized I wasn't the only one! There were thousands in Canada who felt the same as me! I felt powerful! I felt loved! I felt hope!
6. The Freedom Convoy gave me life.
7. The Freedom Convoy make me proud to be Canadian.
8. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you.

Erin McMillan

1. When the segregation policies were put in and people started getting fired from their jobs for not getting injected, I reached a point of mental breakdown. I had already lost around \$100,000 in income due to the lockdowns and felt so much compassion for those who couldn't work at all anymore due to their medical choice. This was Trudeau's version of "having Canadians' backs". I couldn't believe our laws to prevent government overreach weren't worth the paper they were printed on.
2. The humiliation I experienced as a result of being an unvaccinated person excluded from public places and having to wait outside for food like a dog made me know we haven't learned much from decades past.
3. I had a baby during Covid, and they kicked my husband out of the hospital right after the birth when I really needed him. When he argued that he wanted to stay, the nurse threatened to call the police to have him removed.
4. I have been yelled at in stores by people I don't know, publicly shamed for my private medical choices, ousted by family members, and I got kicked out of the Apple store for not masking my 4-year old special needs child. What a disgusting place Canada became.
5. The convoy was my ray of hope, and I knew I had to be a part of it. I waved them off in Calgary and started attending every protest.
6. I was in awe that these truckers would spend day and night outside in -20 dancing for our rights. I could have cried with admiration. I was obsessed with watching live coverage on Facebook. Watching the legacy media LIE about the convoy made me hate them. I'll never believe anything they say again. The history books are likely fake too. I made sure to spread the REAL facts far and wide.
7. When the protest ended via the War Act, I knew I had to flee the Trudeau regime. I sold my house in Calgary, gave away almost everything I owned, left my career, and extended family behind, and moved to Florida with my kids and husband.
8. My kids just started school here in Florida and there is ZERO discussion about Covid, masks, testing, or anything of the sort. There's no discussion of it anywhere. My family can focus on living life here, and the governor here actually FIGHTS for people's rights. I take great comfort in that.
9. I miss my parents so much but I won't go back to Canada again until Trudeau and Algabra are gone. I am disgusted by all Canadians who accepted all of this. Not sure I will ever belong there again.

Robert McNeil

What is your age and occupation?

64, Retired

Where do you live?

British Columbia

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Catholic, middle class, male and happy.

Tell us about yourself.

Born in NS worked as a heavy equipment operator long hours. Self employed for 10 years. Worked hard all my life, did all the right things, wanted to retire and see some of the world. Then the covid fraud began, was Discriminated against, prevented from entering places, forbidden to travel, etc.. just unforgivable. I hope we jail every last one of those criminals.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer, provided financial support, and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Christine McPherson

What is your age and occupation:

57, Executive Assistant

Where do you live?

Ottawa

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

I am a middle class mother and grandmother that was born and raised in Ottawa. I come from a family of Scottish, Irish, and French backgrounds who immigrated and settled in Canada in the late 1700's and early 1800's. Having a diverse background of ancestors, my Canadian identity for me is my freedom and the deep love I have for my country and my fellow Canadians. Having worked abroad for 11 years, allowed to experience the love and respect others have for our country and our people. I am a Christian also and believe in our God given right to be free.

Tell us about yourself.

I am a mother of 5 wonderful children and 8 amazing grandchildren. I work in the not-for-profit sector and love my job because for me it has meaning and has an impact on others. We help Veterans and Serving Members and that is important to me because our freedom was not free. It is through their great sacrifices that I even know what it is to be truly free. I am a pretty simple person that wears my heart on my sleeve and cares about others. My values and principles are important to me because it is through those that I can teach my grandchildren to be good people. I am also very stubborn, not afraid to speak out and take a stand. I am not easily offended by what others might say as I respect the rights others have to their thoughts and opinions. I don't take criticism as hurtful, but rather look at it with an open mind, because it can bring an opportunity for me to grow as a person. I love to cook, garden, play the guitar, read, and so much more.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer, provided financial support, and supported without being present. My children and some of my grandchildren went downtown to protest.

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated by e-transfer

How much did you donate?

25-100

Why did you donate?

To help those out protesting. And I also opened my home for showers, meals, and laundry needs.

Krista Michelson

What is your age and occupation:

22, Agricultural Manufacturing

Where do you live?

Saskatchewan

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Caucasian female Christian middle class

Tell us about yourself.

Single mom who works hard, resilient, volunteers with dog rescue, learning to live with physical and mental diseases

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support and supported without being present. Involved in local convoys, greeted and met with Ottawa convoy organizers & participants that came through our city

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough. Stand up to Liberal corruption.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Donated cash

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, I believe the Government went too far, and small token of the gratitude I felt for those fighting on the front lines

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Frank Mikolas

Please provide your age and occupation:

79, Businessman

Where do you live?

Stony Plain, Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

I am a sinner saved by the grace of Jesus Christ.

Tell us about yourself.

Grandfather, father, Christian. Three children 12 grandchildren. I've been persecuted by our government since Covid started. And by the way I did not take the clot shot and nobody in this world is going to tell me I have to or force me to. I am a free enterprise or freethinking person living in a free country hopefully.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support and Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated by e-transfer

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far and I believe in ending all the mandates

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Diane Miller

Please provide your age and occupation:

56, Self Employed

Where do you live?

Saskatchewan

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Christian low/middle class, happily married to my husband

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer, provided financial support, and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Sally Miller

Please provide your age and occupation:

64, Real Estate Agent

Where do you live?

Niagara-on-the-Lake Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Married, 5th generation Canadian. Family was a founding family of New Brunswick.

Tell us about yourself.

October 2021, I was visiting my daughter in BC and because of the federal mandate to stop the unvaccinated from flying or taking a train, I found myself stranded in BC for SIX(6) Months! I was only able to leave and return to my home in Niagara once I obtained a car and the roads were safe from snow. I am 64 years old and this Liberal Government put me in a position of risk as I had to drive across this country by myself for 5 days! I applauded the Ottawa Freedom Convey from afar. If I had been in Ontario, I would not have hesitated to join them in Ottawa. Instead, I provided my support to the cause by driving 3 hours to join the Kelowna Freedom Convoy. And what a day it was! Approximately 4,000 people, consisting mostly of young families and seniors taking to the downtown streets. It was the most beautiful and uplifting rally. It gave me hope. I realized that I was not alone in my protest against the governments assault on our freedoms. This rally propelled me to have the courage to step up to the plate; I gave an interview to a local paper about my concerns on the mandates and I supported the local Saturday freedom rally. I will forever be thankful to the Ottawa Freedom Rally for giving me a sense of hope that this tyrannical, discriminatory policy could be overturned.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Carolyn Milne

Please provide your age and occupation:

53, Dog Trainer

Where do you live?

San Carlos, Mexico (condo in Alberta as well)

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Until very recently, a proud Canadian, my parents emigrated to Canada from the UK when I was a child.

Tell us about yourself.

I'm a wife, mother of adult kids and dog trainer. I lived happily in Sherwood Park, Alberta and planned to retire there. I never thought I'd leave Canada. When the mandates, vax passports and threats to those who chose body autonomy and caution over lining up and obeying occurred, I sold everything and got out while we could. My husband had a brain tumour and although he should have received an "exemption" to the vaccine, he was refused one. When fines and jail time were discussed, and the unjabbed were told we should not receive medical care, which my husband needs to survive, I made the choice to leave Canada. I chose Mexico because I can purchase his life saving meds over the counter and choose which doctors I want him to see. The freedom convoy gave me hope that Canadians were waking up. I hope we can come back to Canada one day and I'm hanging on to my condo for this time. I won't be able to come back unless freedom for all medical choices is supported, jobs for those who remain unvaccinated are secure and medical care is not denied.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$500+

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Lori Mizu

1. My husband Joey travelled to Ottawa at the beginning with the convoy after two and a half weeks of him being up there and seeing what was happening there, my daughter and I decided we needed to join him and the rest of the peaceful protest that was going on.
2. I had a career as the Manager of Member Service and Support for Prairie Centre Credit Union for the Outlook, Elbow and Loreburn branches. I had booked my holidays with my supervisor knowing where I was going. I went down to peacefully protest for my fundamental rights for freedom and to end the mandates.
3. While we were there, and the Emergency Act hit invoked my supervisors had gone through my accounts and froze them from what I got from the phone calls and emails from my supervisor they had done this only because of me being there.
4. Upon returning home from this experience of witnessing the brutal force that this government inflicted on peaceful protestors it was horrifying I needed to take time off once we returned and was struggling to go back to work in my role as acting Manager for this Financial Institution as they had completely criminalized myself and my daughter for just being there. I had not made any donations to any funding platforms they sifted through my accounts and breached my privacy. I just couldn't walk back into my position after this whole ordeal as there wasn't much confidentiality to our experience and having employees that I support and supervisor under my role seeing me as a criminal for standing up for my rights and theirs.
5. Below is a timeline of my conversations with my employer about them freezing my bank account and my daughters:

February 17

Received a phone call from Karen McPhall, my supervisor, at end of day to call her cell.

February 18

7:07am

called Karen to call me back

9:01am

Received a professional courtesy call as Kara Gowan, Senior Relationship Manager (my co-worker) had explained it. With the emergency act invoked by the government that a file had been reported to compliance to FINTRAC

I said that's fine but as an employee I would have thought that it would have been nice to explain my side but whatever is done is done but if you think I am going to be quiet about

this...I won't! She had asked if I could wait till she talks to Karen or someone before I do anything. I said I would.

10:00am

Karen, my supervisor called me and explained that with the emergency act invoked by the government we had to adhere by compliance and with us knowing that you were in Ottawa we seen your account activity, I said I can explain all those transactions. She asked if I can send that to her in an email it may help. I said I can as I am in a place where I need access to my funds to be able to get my truck repaired and to be able to get home I also informed her that I feel there is a breach of my privacy as I am on my holidays I continued to add that I am on my holidays and that I decided to take a stand for something that is important to me and all Canadians. She said that personally I understand but that PCCU can not have a personal political view and that they are government regulated by FINTRAC and that they need to adhere to government regulations.

I did ask at this time about my daughters accounts and the reports filed on her are going to be corrected because I shouldn't have had signing authority on her accounts and that we're still waiting on those documents to be sent to us. She said she wasn't sure about this but that she will look into it. Then left off with asking for explanations in my account as soon as possible.

12:57pm

Emailed Karen my transaction info on my account

3:38pm

Karen called back thanked me for the information and that they had released the restrictions off of my accounts but the reports would have to stay in place. I said even for my daughter because we received the documentation and I should have never been put on that account as a signing authority and now she is going to have that report on her for life and flagged and that this is reflecting on her future as a young adult and I am not fine with this. She said she will have to look into this more as she was "technically" not at work today, so most likely will have to wait till after the long weekend.

February 22

12:01pm

Karen called and said just letting you know we wouldn't do this for everyone but is giving me a professional courtesy call to let me know that there were no reports filed on me or my daughter(I was taken aback and relieved but then thought of all the communication we had prior and them leading us to believe there were reports filed) I said that's good to hear but that doesn't make me feel any better that not only as a member but also an employee as to how we were treated and how I met so many people out here that their employees have been supporting them to be here. I said to be treated like this, lied to by my employer and to have added stress on me and my daughter was not something that

was necessary. She then replied that PCCU unfortunately can not take any political views on this. I said if you only knew what we have witnessed here the unnecessary brutal force inflicted on these people and then PCCU adds this on us really saddens my heart.

Paige's Story

February 18

10am

Called the Outlook branch,

Spoke to Jennine Ogilve

I had let her know that I was I. Quebec with some friends she had known and that my on-line banking and card weren't working she said she would look into it and get back to me.

10:21am

Called back

Spoke to Jennine again and said that she knew my moms account got frozen but why is mine. She said that she couldn't find the electronic documents and she put me on hold and grabbed my paper files she had informed that me that my mom had signing authority and that all of her accounts would have been frozen.

(My mom knew that she had not signed for signing authority but that she signed the youth indemnity form at time of opening my accounts with PCCU as I was a minor but that did not give her signing authority.)

10:53am

I texted Jennine to send my account opening documentation's, being that she had them in her desk.

11:16am

Got a call from the Relationship Manager, Kara Gowan from the Outlook branch, she had stated that My mom had signing authority on my account and that all of my accounts had been frozen. I asked Kara to have those documents sent over. She said that she will get Jennine to send them over as soon as possible.

12:20pm

I emailed Kara to let her know that I hadn't received the documents.(that were sitting on Jennine's desk the whole time from 10:21am)

12:45

Called the branch again to ask for the documents and now nobody is available to take my call.

2:38pm Called Kara again for my documents

2:45 received documents from Kara. As my mom knew she had no signing authority on my accounts.

3:06pm

Emailed back thanking for the documents

3:17 called Kara back after reviewing the documents and as she would have known and Jennine as they open numerous accounts I explained that these do not show that my mom has signing authority she signed a youth indemnity form as at the age of 16 when I opened the account was policy but not now at the age of 21. My mom then interjected nights conversation and asked how they will correct this error on their part of reports filed and accounts frozen. She then proceeded to inform me that with tax season coming to an end they are extremely busy and how crazy the branches are. My mom persisted that this should take presidency over anything and that PCCU is really jeopardizing my future. She then tried telling me that Tracy and Cindy were away (they are the back office ladies for paperwork on account openings and being that my mom knows which department they work in) she had informed Kara that this isn't our concern but that this should be going to compliance and brought to their attention that this should have never happened in the first place she let me know that our compliance officer was on holidays also but that she would send them to someone to look at.

February 18

Paige's account were unfrozen

Gail Molsberry

What is your age and occupation:

66, Retired

Where do you live?

Saskatchewan

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian born, working class and female.

Tell us about yourself.

I'm a retired Saskatchewan resident who is angry and sad at the state Canada is in. The past two years have shown me that this government under Trudeau wants control and to destroy the Canadian people and democracy. The division he has caused with pushing his covid agenda has been horrifying to watch. The mandates and restrictions have pitted family member against family member, friend against friend, people have died alone. What he has done to Canadians is criminal! The convoy traveling across Canada gave us Hope! A hope for a future free of tyranny. People have had enough. The truckers are heroes!

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present and as an observer

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Donna Monteyne

What is your age and occupation:

53, Occupational Therapist

Where do you live?

Kitchener, Ontario, Canada

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian

Tell us about yourself.

I am an OT who is passionate about health creation. I work for HCCSS (Home Care in Ontario). I had been coerced into taking the vaccinations in November 2021, as anyone who wished to choose a wait-and-see approach, as I did, was fired from my employer. (HCCSS adopted a mandatory vaccine policy despite many of us working exclusively from home from March 2020). I was inspired by the convoy and I wept and cheered and waved my flag at the side of the highway when a convoy passed through my town in southwest Ontario. I felt hope. Finally, I did not feel so alone.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

I intended to bring cash to the convoy on the Feb 18 weekend

Why did you donate?

I wanted to support the movement

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Charlene Moore

What is your age and occupation:

57, Painter

Where do you live?

Winnipeg, Manitoba

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Culturally diverse but united as Canadians first and foremost. No other identity is relevant as all Canadians are Canadians.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

How much did you donate?

\$1-\$25

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Deborah Moore

Please provide your age and occupation:

60, Retired

Where do you live?

Calgary, AB

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

White female

Tell us about yourself.

I'm a mother and grandmother and I'm worried for my loved ones' future. I'm worried for humanity

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present, provided financial support, and as an observer

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I could not travel to Ottawa

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Eugene Moreside

What is your age and occupation:

75, Retired

Where do you live?

Regina, SK

Tell us about yourself.

I believe all men are born equal and are created in the image of God. Created male and female only. I am a spirit surrounded by a soul housed in a human body. How much do you want to know?

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I believe the Government went too far

Deborah Morgan

Please provide your age and occupation:

60, Account Manager

Where do you live?

Ottawa

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor and provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns and Government overreach

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

The first two weekends

How did you get to the Protest?

Walked

What did you bring?

Flask of hot coffee

What was your role?

Supporting and encouraging the people who had travelled to Ottawa

Did you come with your family?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

It was the happiest most good-natured protest I have ever attended

Where did you walk/drive? (Street name)

Walked from Florence St up to Wellington

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

I did see police blockades at the end of James St after the EA was invoked.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

Yes

If yes, were you beaten by the police? (explain, snatched, zipped tied, driven away)

No

How did the government mandates affect you?

I was bullied by my employer to get vaccinated.

If you supported the protest, why?

I was appalled that the gov't was encroaching on people's medical decisions. I was so angry at the way the protest was characterised by the media and by Trudeau, liberal and NDP politicians. I have never experienced a PM showing such hate towards his own people.

D Morin

Please provide your age and occupation:

Retired

Where do you live?

Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

I am Caucasian, middle-class Baptist and heterosexual

Tell us about yourself.

I am healthy, honest, a grandmother and help people when I can

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Tina Morrale

What is your age and occupation:

52, Employment and Training Client Support

Where do you live?

Delta, BC

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Just a normal Canadian. Polite, easy-going, obedient, hard-working, caring, loving, family is everything, kind and loving, mother, main caregiver.

Tell us about yourself.

I'm a single mom who works hard to support her family. I am the main income bringer. I have strong values and love my family. Life has been a bit of an uphill battle but I have always been as optimistic and positive as possible. That is... up until recently anyway. Now I barely have hope for the future. I am not the same person anymore due to what I've experienced and seen in the last couple of years. Due to how my own Government has treated me and encouraged others to treat me and discriminate against me due to my beliefs and values. Now, I've never felt so unsafe, my Canadian idealism has been shattered.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Gave me hope again

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

I started with the Convoy in Delta BC and drove with them to Hope, BC. I wish I had gone the whole way. If I'd know it was going to be so amazing and I had the resources, I would have gone the whole way.

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Myself and a friend

What was your role?

There to show support, so others knew they were not alone.

Did you donate food or supplies?

I was unemployed due to mandate so unfortunately couldn't

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

The most amazing feeling of peace, love, kindness, unity and hope again.

Where did you walk/drive? (Street name)

Delta, BC to Hope, BC

How did the government mandates affect you?

I lost my job and went into thousands of dollars of debt. Lost relationships, went into depression and hopelessness. Was discriminated against and isolated from family and love ones.

If you supported the protest, why?

The mandates and government overreach were WRONG. No one has the right to tell us what to put in our own bodies!

Rhoda Mott

Please provide your age and occupation:

61, Retired

Where do you live?

Saskatchewan

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Caucasian Female

Tell us about yourself.

I am a wife, a mother, a grandmother.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far and I believe in ending all the mandates

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Joanne Munro

What is your age and occupation?

71, Retired

Where do you live?

Courtenay, British Columbia

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Middle class, heterosexual, Finnish descent, mildly religious.

Tell us about yourself.

Married 48 years with 3 sons, the youngest of whom is autistic (aspergers). I have one grandchild on the way, which is very concerning, since her father,(my son), has to argue with staff to be allowed to accompany his wife to appointments. None of my family is vaccinated and have no intention of ever being vaccinated, for covid. We have all contracted covid and had varying degrees of severity, but never required hospitalization or any medical help. We all feel we are being grossly discriminated against, and it has particularly affected my autistic son, giving him extreme anxiety. I have lost pretty much all trust in the medical profession at this point.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Wendy Navakowski

Please provide your age, and occupation:

57, Home Manager

Where do you live?

Beaver County, Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

I am a wife and mother of 6. Both parents born in Canada. Have Polish, French and English in my background. We are practicing Catholics and try to live out our faith.

Tell us about yourself.

I live on an acreage with my family and am kept busy with our horses, chickens, bees, cats and dogs. We try to live quite simply and would consider ourselves pretty down to earth.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated by e-transfer

How much did you donate?

\$500+

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates. I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Lisa Nazarian

Please provide your age and occupation:

55, Finance Officer

Where do you live?

Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Irish Canadian woman

Tell us about yourself.

Middle aged wife and mother of 2 adult daughters. I am a woman, I am pro choice in all matters concerning a woman's body, that includes vaccines! Early in my career, I worked for 15 years in the natural health products biz, followed by 12 in the insurance biz and now 3 in the metal fab biz. I have traveled extensively observing many cultures firsthand. I try to keep an open mind to all things, but I will formulate my own opinions after careful consideration.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Denise Neave

Please provide your age and occupation:

58, Retired

Where do you live?

Duck Lake, Saskatchewan

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Metis

Tell us about yourself.

I am a mother, grandmother and great grandmother

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Richelle Neighbour

Please provide your age and occupation:

52, Business Owner

Where do you live?

Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

White, middle, not sure what my sexual orientation has to do with anything but here you go - normal female that is married to a normal male. Normal meaning has female genitals and don't force any sick ideas I may have on to another human being - you asked 🙄

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Tracie Nelson-Short

What is your age and occupation?

43, Quality Manager

Where do you live?

Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian Woman

Tell us about yourself.

Full time employee of 21 years, married, mother, farmers daughter

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Julia Newton

What is your age and occupation?

34, Landscaping

Where do you live?

Vancouver Island, BC

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian

Tell us about yourself.

I'm a hardworking individual expecting and frustrated

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Tthestonotine Sequi, Noeline Nillebrun

1. I am 66 years old, Dene great grandmother, Born December 24, 1955, at Fort Resolution in NWT. I currently hold responsibility as a Clan Mother and formerly held the position of Dene Nation Chief of the NWT. I am a residential school survivor and of every broken policy of the federal govt.
2. As previous Vice Chair of the Native Women's Association of NWT, I attended many government and organizational meetings to help develop programs for women's rights. Advocated for residential schools and gave testimony for inquiry into residential schools and murdered indigenous women inquiry.
3. I am an advocate and mediator for indigenous rights and affairs and now sit on the World Global Indigenous Counsel. I am also an adviser to various tribes across Canada.
4. I have been doing this kind of work for 50 years. I am very familiar with the breakdown of the government. That is why I went to Ottawa with the truckers. I felt it was right for my mind, body and soul.
5. I developed the spreadsheet for the truckers to fill in for reimbursement. We had to find ways to get the form out because not all of them had internet services. I was helping to organize and get the logistics in order so that we could keep a system of the truckers. I wanted to help Tamara. I helped with getting gas for the truckers stuck on the hill, including staying up until 3 am, making phone calls and logistics of getting the fuel as quickly as possible.
6. I knew this whole country and our tribal people were at risk. We knew how many government contracts were broken. This is what we were sharing with the protestors: for 160 years, they have perfected this system of broken promises.
7. I performed the Opening Prayer on Sunday, January 30, 2022, on the main stage on Wellington Street.
8. I was also helping the Ottawa Police Services. There was some activity with tribal people that came in on their own. I saw them as agitators; they were tribal people but didn't follow practices. We met with OPS Officers named Chris, Luis and Mik, who came to the Arc Hotel to speak to us. We interacted with the OPS Officers about social media posts regarding Pat King and Indian guy JD Anderson. They did a live ceremonial video which created an uproar amongst tribes across Canada. We ended up putting out the fire from this supposed sacred fire as they did not ask permission and did not follow protocol. They made a public statement. There was a lot of animosity and negative feeling amongst tribal people. This was not something that should be video live, and including Pat King's racial

statements were not well received.

9. Sandra and I reached out to Clan Mothers in the area and across Canada. Tayica, a tribal woman, lived in the area. Those that lived in the area did not want to come to Ottawa because they were fearful of Covid. But they were going to start a fire for Clan Mothers in Ottawa.
10. Sat in a circle with OPP and tribal people that were making a mess JD Anderson. Claudette Commanda Clan Mother delegation, firekeeper, Mohawk Liaison Officer, and Tim Blondin. The Anishinaabe Clan Mother said they were unhappy with what happened in Confederation Park with Pat King. Sandra and Noeline told those at Confederation Park they had to leave, could not put up more tepees, and put their fire out. We helped to resolve the negativity and issues that were going on and fixed the problems at Confederation Park. The circle was held at City Hall.
11. We did a lot of smudging ceremonies, provided spiritual guidance and spoke to many of the truckers and protestors. Many were very fearful and needed someone to talk to about what the government was doing and what was happening in Ottawa.
12. Lots of tribal people were truck drivers and supporters like Tamara. We also spoke and liaison with other tribal people.
13. I advised Canada Unity People when they presented their MOU to me to read and give my opinion on what was written on their website. I had issues with the document and said to them it was not an accurate document as the MOU had the understanding of only one party. The federal government leaders had not been invited to the table nor agreed to an understanding of moving forward on the issues presented. I told James Bauder he should remove the MOU and explain to the three thousand signatures why MOU must be removed until revised so that they would understand if it needs revamping. I was aware thru media coverage; the MOU was discussed in various ways in Parliament.
14. I was run over by an RV motorhome owned by Romania Didulo. She was getting through all the roadblocks, allowed to go to Parliament Hill, burn the flag, and state that this is the Republic of Canada. I sent her a message and said that all grandmothers are Queens of Canada, not her. I put my hand up to stop the RV, and the driver pushed me over with the front of the RV, and they kept driving. I reported this to the Ottawa Police Services, but they refused to take a statement.
15. I decided to do what I could with my knowledge and experience, and with good intentions, as I felt it was the right thing to do and worth a try. The opportunity to build trust and relationships to help civilians understand what protestors are feeling today is what has been imposed on indigenous for over 100 years.

16. If we could get civilians who understand that this attack was always there, the rules were always there. We took the Ottawa protest as an opportunity to build trust with unity and build on the gaps of missed opportunities.
17. I do not want my grandchildren to go through what I went through.
18. I have written a letter to the Governor General that speaks to the breakdown of the government and loss of trust. The Emergency Measures Act does not apply to first nations, Metis, and Inuit people and is on record as such.

Ciaran O'Toole

Please provide your age and occupation:

32, Instrumentation Technologist

Where do you live?

Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Blue collar, straight, white male from an immigrant family.

Tell us about yourself.

Hardworking, proud Canadian.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor

Why were you involved in the Protest?

Anti-Covid vaccine, Government overreach, End mandates/End lockdowns, and enough is enough.
Totalitarian government, censorship,

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GiveSendGo

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

Feb 12-14 all day

How did you get to the Protest?

Flew

What did you bring?

Warm clothes and a Canada hockey jersey.

What was your role?

To live video on my Facebook the truth the news wouldn't say or lie to Canadians and across the world about

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (Peace, hate, flags etc)

It was the happiest place in Canada. Hugs and high fives. Signing laughing dancing. People taking care of each other. Road hockey game. First time I felt Canadian and unity in a long time. People had pancake breakfast.

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

No because unfortunately I was vaxed.

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

Wellington St, bank St, Rideau St

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

99 bank St.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

No

How did the government mandates affect you?

My brother was dying in New Brunswick and his fiancé couldn't see him because she only had one shot not until we said we would pull the plug then you could see him. I had to get tested to see my brother and then they wouldn't let me see my brother because I was from Alberta.

If you supported the protest, why?

I am against the government overreaching, mandates, masking, covid vaccines, censorship, I am smart enough to educate myself and see that none of this made sense and it was not necessary.



Leah Olson-Bacon

Please provide your age and occupation:

50, Executive Assistant

Where do you live?

Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Female, Catholic, Straight, FREE CANADIAN

Tell us about yourself.

I'm a mom of 3, grandmother of 6, wife, sister, daughter. Work full-time. Love the summer months; not the winter so much. Lived in Saskatchewan my whole life. Love to camp, fish, travel, craft. Love my country the way it used to be.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, enough is enough, and Anti-Covid vaccine

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Charles Oulette

Please provide your age and occupation:

38, Refrigeration Contractor

Where do you live?

New Brunswick

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

French catholic, second class (unvaxed), straight

Tell us about yourself.

18th generation Canadian. Hard-working hvacr contractor. Worked for everything I own!

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer, provided financial support, and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Donated through GoFundMe and then 3x as much to give send go

How much did you donate?

\$500+

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I could not travel to Ottawa

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Chris Parco

What is your age and occupation?

41, Pipefitter

Where do you live?

Selkirk, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Straight white male heterosexual non practicing Roman catholic

Tell us about yourself.

Normal family guy, four lovely daughters

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, Enough is enough, and our country has been taken over by foreign interests

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Jeanette Patten

Please provide your age and occupation:

63, Admin

Where do you live?

Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Born Canadian female

Tell us about yourself.

Mother of 2, grandmother of 7, freedom fighter for my grandchildren's future.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

How much did you donate?

\$500+

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

John Patterson

What is your age and occupation:

66, Welding Inspector (Retired)

Where do you live?

Duncan, British Columbia

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian of Scottish heritage, Presbyterian, working class, straight monogamous

Tell us about yourself.

Worked long shifts my whole life, dedicated to supporting and raising my family and looking forward to enjoying my last few years in retirement. I can't now because of Trudeau's WEF policies crippling my finances and abusing my God-given rights and freedoms.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough. The truckers gave us hope and relief after being locked down and restricted for two years

Did you donate to the Convoy?

I donated through GoFundMe till Trudeau killed that. Got my money back and donated to GiveSendGo. Then Trudeau screwed that up too.

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I supported what they were doing and knew they would have expenses. Truckers are working people. They are not wealthy. They were driving to Ottawa on my behalf and I thought they should be compensated

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Catherine Pearson

1. Thank you for giving me a voice. I felt during the past couple years I had no voice and also felt even if I wanted to speak up, I would be ostracized in the small community I live it. In my opinion, the government created 2 sides, those who have the "v" and those who have not, had the "v", and put out wording to the effect to discriminate against those who did not which pitted people against each other.
2. For me, I had to stay quiet, I am a single, retired senior, but have a daughter who needed to work, so I couldn't jeopardize her, and she was "forced" to take the "v" against her better judgement in order to work. She already had 1 reaction after the "v", which is still on going.
3. I have seen families split apart, I have not been able to see my friends in the hospital and a few have died, without my being able to see them. I have not been able to go to funerals, which is sad, as in my age bracket, there are many. My friend in the US got cancer and needed help and I could not go and help her, and to this day, STILL cannot go and help her. I had people spit on me, and yell and scream at me, in the grocery store, because I didn't wear a mask. I have been refused in a grocery store and yelled at by staff because I did not wear a mask. I have seen friends who worked very hard and opened their own businesses, lose them because of the shutdowns. I have seen friends lose their homes, not have enough food, and go into heavy debt, just to survive. I for one do not believe the government had any right to make health decisions for anybody, let alone me and my family. IT IS MY BODY AND IT IS MY CHOICE. Where there is a risk, there must be a choice.
4. I celebrated with the convoy, and I celebrated with Tamara and her reasons why she went on the drive. Her thoughts were in the right place and the people who distorted the convoy's actions, whether it be the "news", Facebook, or the government, were all involved because of the control and the money in my opinion. I am amazed with the tenacity of the convoy until, the police got involved and it became increasingly sad to watch and then the arrest of Tamara, and how long she was in jail, and still, everything she must face!!!! FOR HAVING AN OPINION. It is crazy.
5. I am very upset with the government and what it has done and dear knows what will happen in the future. Right now, there are many "younger" people having heart attacks and children having auto immune issues. To what end has Justin Trudeau done this?
6. Because of the way the government pitted people against each other...it has become a "me" society and it is in every part of life and incredibly sad, very little empathy, very little compassion, very little kindness. Sad indeed. Thank you for listening. I am most appreciative. With love Catherine in Nova Scotia.

Valerey Pedersen

What is your age and occupation?

26, Manager

Where do you live?

Saskatchewan

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Straight, Canadian citizen, middle class, blue collar

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

Did you donate food or supplies?

Yes

Did you come with your family?

Yes

Were you ever threatened by social services to have your children removed?

No

Were you ever threatened that your dog would be put down?

No

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Peace, love, unity

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

How did the government mandates affect you?

Loss of job, Childs education was hit very hard

If you supported the protest, why?

For children to continue to live in a free democracy

Kelly Pettitt

What is your age and occupation?

59, Retired Homemaker

Where do you live?

British Columbia

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Female

Tell us about yourself.

Tired of government over reach and dictatorship style

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Christina Pezzente

Please provide your age and occupation:

50, Administrative Assistant

Where do you live?

Vaughan, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Catholic, Caucasian Female

Tell us about yourself.

I was so proud to be a Canadian and now I'm very concerned about what is happening in Canada under the Trudeau government.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Juanita Pirie

What is your age and occupation:

66, Retired

Where do you live?

Sunshine Coast, BC

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Fourth generation Canadian Christian woman

Tell us about yourself.

Born in the 1950's, grew up in the lower economic class. Worked hard all my life. Don't need the newest gadgets and shop at thrift stores. Love gardening and making miniatures. I am a fiercely loyal Canadian. My ancestors worked hard and fought wars to make this Country safe and prosperous. I am appalled at what is happening to Canada, under this current government. It is shocking and abhorrent that a prime minister would treat the citizens of this Country in such a manner. I watched live streams of the Freedom Convoy as they crossed this country and the outpouring of love and support from everyday Canadians showed me that we still had a strong Country. One worth fighting to save. I have nothing but respect for all those men and women. And I thank them from the bottom of my heart for standing up and giving us all hope

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Anthony Power

What is your age and occupation?

67, Retired Retail

Where do you live?

Ottawa, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian

Tell us about yourself.

Tall healthy independently wealthy "husband" father grandfather

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

One Sunday before crackdown and clearance

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Nothing special

What was your role?

My presence

Did you donate food or supplies?

Bit of cash in a jar!

Did you come with your family?

No.

Were you ever threatened by social services to have your children removed?

No. My son is an adult!

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Love and determination

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

Overflowing

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

Rideau Wellington Queen

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Major intersections, bridges

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

No

How did the government mandates affect you?

Force to wear masks in retail, banks and medical facilities. Wife works from home. Made to feel fear for not getting jabbed! Disoriented by the gaslighting!

Old medical assumptions turned upside down!

Shock by the willingness of public officials to tell outright lies!

If you supported the protest, why?

I hate government!

Sally Prescott

What is your age and occupation?

64, Retired

Where do you live?

Manitoba

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian

Tell us about yourself.

quiet, grandmother

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Nicole Priestley

What is your age and occupation?

45, Child Care for Provider

Where do you live?

London, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

White female, mother, wife

Tell us about yourself.

Stay at home mom with 5 children and one grandchild. Lover of the outdoors, nature and animals. Worked for a long time in customer service. Avid reader and houseplant enthusiast

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Marion Purwins

Please provide your age and occupation:

52, Library Clerk

Where do you live?

Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Western Canadian born and raised

Tell us about yourself.

Ordinary, slightly antisocial, live and let live. Just wanting to enjoy my time on earth with my family and community.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Bill Raap

Please provide age and occupation:

68, Semi Retired

Where do you live?

Winnipeg, MB

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Culturally and religiously

Tell us about yourself.

Worked hard all my life and loved OUR country Canada. I am thankful for the truck convoy as they revealed a lot of things that were going on in Canada's Federal Liberal government that many Canadians did not know. They have been revealed now and the real nature of the Liberal party has come out. I am so thankful for this so that hopefully we as a nation can come together instead of being split apart by segregation of class of people.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far and I believe in ending all the mandates

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Terra Rayner

Please provide your age and occupation:

46, Self Employed

Where do you live?

Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Mom of 4 nanny to 1 white Christian female

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

How much did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Colin Reifferscheid

What is your age and occupation?

39

Where do you live?

Saskatchewan

Tell us about yourself.

Live and work on the farm

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

A. Reynolds

Please provide your age and occupation:

44, FPSE

Where do you live?

Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

7th Gen Canadian, spiritual, middle class, hetro, mom to 2 bi kids

Tell us about yourself.

Canadian born & raised. Strong respect for military & other authorities. Mom to 2 teenagers, homeowner, taxpayer.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Watched it online while in quarantine.

Why were you involved in the Protest?

Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Charlotte Roach

What is your age and occupation:

38, Homemaker/Mother

Where do you live?

Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

A free woman

Tell us about yourself.

I homeschool my 2 children.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Gaetana Roberge

1. I am writing you briefly about what I witnessed at the Protest in Ottawa as an Ottawa resident living directly in the red zone.
2. I am from Northern Ontario, a small French Verner community between North Bay and Sudbury. I lived on a farm with my parents and nine siblings until I turned 18 years of age. I was born in November 1961, and I am 60 years old.
3. In 1977, I went to New Brunswick for a month in Fredericton, Moncton, being part of a band from high school. I then left in 1980 - 1981 for College in Toronto, Seneca College, to study Flight Attendant for one year. Back then, it was also popular to go out west which I ended up doing. I wanted to travel my Canada being a proud Canadian but not as a tourist rather than a local, wanting to know the city and people who lived there. I travelled alone and wasn't afraid of anything. Growing up on a farm, I was more afraid of cows and bulls than people. Never had an issue finding a job right away when I arrived in a city. I would stay at the YMCA for a few days. It was cheap until I found an apartment in the same week.
4. I then lived in Montreal for four months. Left in October 1981 for Calgary, Alberta, till 1982. Beautiful city with amazing people. Afterwards, lived in St-Catherine, Ontario, for nine months, then returned to Calgary, Alberta, for another year. On my way to Alberta, I stopped in Winnipeg, Manitoba, for a few weeks, but the flat scenery was too boring. Then stopped in Regina, Saskatchewan and stayed again for a few weeks.
5. I came to Ottawa as part of my travels in 1985 for one year. I moved to Gatineau, got married in 1987, and had two children, my son in 1989 and my daughter in 1990, and stayed until 2005. I then moved back to Ottawa in 2009.
6. I worked for the Ministry of Education in Ontario, Westboro neighbourhood, from May 2000 until September 2022. I am now retired from October 1st, 2022. The Ministry of Education of Ontario managed five schools/residences for the deaf community and learning disabilities children. Four English Schools and one for the Francophone communities. Children were to come from all over Ontario by plane and stay in our establishment (Centre Jules-Léger) for the week, then return to their cities/towns for the weekend.
7. They have two programs, one for the learning disabilities children, which take the plane every Sunday, stay for the week then return to their homes on the Friday, it is a 2-year program. As for the other program, called the provincial school for the deaf, hard of hearing, and blind, children mostly come from Ottawa surroundings, therefore taking a taxi every morning and night or by plane again every weekend. The students in this program can stay till the end of their high school.

8. When Covid started in the Spring of 2020, we were asked to work from home, and students were doing online studies. It was challenging for students of both programs because interaction is very important for various reasons. In the learning disabilities program, they not only teach students the curriculum but also build self-confidence and self-esteem, which continues after regular school hours. Since they live on the campus in residence, being part of the program teaches them how to interact with others and be in a structured environment.
9. As for the deaf and hard of hearing students, it was very hard for them as they, more than often, not only use signs to communicate, but they also read lips and body language. Therefore, the study online made them feel excluded from society. When they returned to school in September 2020, students had to wear a facial mask which prevented them from understanding other people. They couldn't read lips or facial expressions. It was hard for them and very sad for the hearing employees, as we understood they were having difficulties with communication.
10. I worked for the last 22 years for the Ministry of Education, now Consortium Centre Jules-Leger, as a Pay & Benefits Liaison/HR. I specifically worked with two schools for the deaf and Learning disabilities.
11. I saw how it affected the deaf community, children and deaf teachers having to wear masks as deaf people are reading lips and they had a hard time communicating.
12. After two years of government restrictions and lockdowns, Ottawa had become extremely quiet, like a ghost town. Then the truckers and supporters arrived in late January as part of the Freedom Rights Movement to come together and protest in Ottawa against the government's covid-19 mandates and restrictions.
13. I would also like to provide a quick review of an event that happened with my family because I believe it is relevant to why people supported the protestors and why Canadians felt their government went too far.
14. On December 31st, 2020, New Year's Eve 2020 going onto 2021, my daughter/spouse, son/spouse/baby, and myself/spouse were gathered at my daughter's place in Gatineau to celebrate New Year's Eve together as a family. At a quarter to midnight, City of Gatineau police officers showed up at the house after a complaint about a big party.
15. Because of the Quebec curfew, we were allowed four people, but there were six family members. The police officers said this was not allowed, and there was a big altercation between my family and the police. My son and daughter were brutalized [what does this mean, they were beaten?] by the police in front of my eyes for no reason, and I couldn't do

anything. The police threatened us that we had to keep quiet for one year if we didn't want to have fines.

16. When the protestors arrived in late January of 2022 with a FREEDOM statement wanting all mandates lifted, I felt relief that now we could speak with no reprisal from Gatineau police.
17. I can understand it might have been disturbing for some Ottawa residents after having our city so quiet for so long.
18. I had truckers parked right in front of my building. During the first two days, I could hear the horns but going forward, and they hardly honked during the day and nothing during the night or evening
19. I had been following the Freedom Rights Movement on Facebook from BC and all over Canada. I felt so much joy, especially seeing Canadians waiting on overpasses with signs, food and love for the trucker convoy and other peaceful protestors in their vehicles driving past their homes. It was heartwarming to see. I had tears of love.
20. I knew right away this was going to be big. I knew my city, and I told myself that, OMG, people would be going crazy in the sense that people were complying a lot with mandates and that this would not be going so well in a receptive way from Ottawa residents. I also expected the circulation and traffic on Ottawa streets would be inconvenient. Based on everything I saw online, it was common sense to believe this wasn't a small protest and there would be lots of confusion In the City of Ottawa, with Mayor Jim Watson, and Ottawa Police Services, as Ottawa is a federal government city. Ottawa is the nation's capital and belongs to everyone, not just the city's residents. I knew things would not go so well, and the city was unprepared. It also did not help that the Prime Minister and other elected officials kept using derogatory and offensive language to describe the protestors, all of which were untrue and, in fact, was government incitement of hatred towards peaceful protestors, ordinary Canadian citizens.
21. I witnessed people from all over Canada from all different walks of life come together with a common goal of Freedom from government tyranny. The protestors stayed peaceful and happy even when elected officials and the media shamed them and called them names. At the same time, all they wanted was an end to the mandates.
22. Seeing peaceful, loving Canadian Citizens, men and women, and families gathered with a goal was so beautiful.
23. I also saw anti-protestors being mean and cruel and using offensive, derogatory, and hateful words and language. I saw people from my building throwing eggs at the truckers

parked on my street. I even saw literally (shit) on the door handle. I thought that was so disgusting. [who does she think did this? Protestors or anti-protestors] These are the only incidents I saw the whole time against the protestors. The protestors did not commit these actions, and they were committed by hateful and aggressive anti-protestors who were engaged in a campaign of hate and utter lack of compassion towards their fellow Canadians who had travelled far and wide to peacefully protest with love in their nation's capital.

24. I offered to do laundry for truckers and protestors because they already had so much food donated by other protectors and supporters of the protest. There was a lot of love, care, and community for those participating in the peaceful protest in Ottawa.
25. The only violence I saw was the grotesque police violence toward the protestors after the Emergencies Act was invoked. What I witnessed firsthand was horrific. I could not believe that that was happening in my backyard in Canada. I am still processing what I saw and trying to understand how this happened: the police violence toward innocent Canadian citizens exercising their rights to Freedom of assembly to protest the government's overreach regarding covid-19 mandates. The police's violent actions have traumatized me.
26. I was afraid of all the police presence with shotguns and snipers on top of government buildings. It was really scary not knowing if I could be at the wrong place at the wrong time getting caught with a bullet.
27. On February 18th, the police that gathered at Chateau Laurier were so cold, with no emotions/feelings. I understand they had a job to do but understanding goes both ways. They could also understand why we were there. Ottawa is the capital of Canada. Of course, that's where people who want to be heard/protest will go. It could have ended very early on if our prime minister had just listened or had more compassion toward Canadian citizens instead of calling them names.
28. After the protestors were sent out, particularly deported out of Ottawa, we lived in a police state for a while. That was not pleasant, and it was scary. Then it returned to the quiet city without the life we were used to. Wellington still remains blocked in some areas. I'm not sure anyone would be able to protest again here in Ottawa as we fear government-sponsored violent repercussions.
29. I enjoyed it when the protestors were here. I thank them for coming and making the government listen to everyday Canadians because enough is enough.

Shawn Roberts

Please provide your age and occupation:

50, Retired

Where do you live?

Nova Scotia

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

White English Anglican, heterosexual male.

Tell us about yourself.

East coaster; worked for what I have.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Karen Robillard

What is your age and occupation?

62, Retired

Where do you live?

Ottawa, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Caucasian female

Tell us about yourself.

I was a very healthy person worked with the elderly for 35 yrs...I am now terminal with cancer...I'm unvaxed I was refused treatment options and now I'm dying...this is as far as I'm concerned the government is responsible for my situation

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

How much did you donate?

\$1-\$25

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Rose Robins

What is your age and occupation?

67, Retired

Where do you live?

Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Religious

Tell us about yourself.

Always learning

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, and Anti-Covid vaccine

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GiveSendGo

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Helena Rocca

What is your age and occupation:

Mental Health Professional

Where do you live?

Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

European heritage, spiritual, middle class, heterosexual.

Tell us about yourself.

I am 66 years old, a widow, a mother, a Canadian citizen and a resident of Ontario who immigrated to Canada at the age of 5 with my parents. I am a proud Canadian who holds a Master's degree and is grateful to live in a country that upholds democratic values including respect for human rights, diversity, bodily autonomy, freedom of speech, and the right to protest and hold the government to account. I have been concerned about the steady erosion of democratic principles since the Harper government. I had hoped that the Trudeau government would reverse this course but was disappointed to find the Prime Minister continuing on the same path.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present. Involved in local convoys, greeted and met with Ottawa convoy organizers & participants that came through our city.

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough. Stand up to Liberal corruption

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Charlene Ross

What is your age and occupation:

54, work at home call agent

Where do you live?

Was living in Kamloops recently moved back to Ontario, Murillo

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

I am a white female, nature based religion, low income , two uni degrees, gen x, straight

Tell us about yourself.

I am a deeply concerned Canadian who desires good leadership. I support our environment, but not at the expense of rights. People have to survive and eat. I have challenged repeatedly the institutions. Not easy. While I appreciate what government does it irritates me that the lack of willingness to be accountable and responsible. It is difficult to find any political party to support. Was NDP, no longer. Because of supply and demand. PM Trudeau promised that the vaccines would be a choice. He reneged on that with imposing mandating on federal employees, inspiring other employers and provinces to do the same. Sadly, it was false hope. And somewhat assumptive on what had been scientifically achieved.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Starr Marriott Ruck

Please provide your age and occupation:

56, Disability Pension ODSP

Where do you live?

Kirkland Lake, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian

Tell us about yourself.

Mother of 3 adult children with 7 grandchildren

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Glen Runowski

What is your age and occupation?

Electrician

Where do you live?

Barrie, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

White heterosexual Christian currently living well below the poverty line because I am currently living on disability.

Tell us about yourself.

I believe in personal freedom and small government who works at the pleasure of the people and whose only role should be to maintain and grow infrastructure for citizens and increase their standard of living. Anything else is failure, corruption, and tyranny.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

How much did you donate?

\$1-\$25

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Jean Sailland

What is your age and occupation:

51, Automotive District Manager

Where do you live?

Alexandria, ON

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Quebecois at birth, middle class, male, human

Tell us about yourself.

Believe in equal rights and freedoms while supporting a strong economy. I worked and struggled for everything I have and respect those who have done the same. Always open to helping and mentoring.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor, as an observer, and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

Government overreach and Abuse of tax dollars

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Pizzas for police and protestors

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

Sunday Feb 19 Ottawa and Feb 12 Cornwall

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Canadian Flag and warm clothes

What was your role?

Standard citizen participation. Walked and talked

Did you come with your family?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Wife was clubbed by riot police. First arrived to extremely clean protest areas, no litter at all on the ground, none. Way cleaner than any parade. Spoke openly with police officers from Durham Region who were respectful to all and protestors treated them the same. Switched area later and my wife was clubbed by riot police while she tried to help/pick-up an elderly lady who was knocked over by the police. Sickening and shameful.

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

No access to bathrooms at all. Businesses were closed up tight and those few who were open (found one) were too overwhelmed to accommodate. Businesses could have thrived during this time. Mc'd's had staff but were only allowed to serve police.

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

Walked every street perpendicular to Parliament. Parked as close as we could but was still a good 20 minute walk. Not familiar with street names and such, but Ottawa police were blocking different bridges and walk ways when we were leaving. Had a tough time finding our way back and police either ignored us or barked at us rudely when we asked for directions

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

Yes

If yes, were you beaten by the police? (explain, snatched, zipped tied, driven away)

Clubbed and shoved, see above. My wife was the victim, I was next her trying to hang on to her while she was trying to pick up an elderly lady off the ground.

What were the police wearing? What did they use to beat you? (rifle, stick etc.)

Riot gear and used batons to hit and shove. Prior to that, people were singing, chanting, and huddling together around warm coffee to stay warm. Other protestors were bringing in hot Tim's coffee for anyone who wanted it. Was very calm gathering until riot police started pushing, clubbing, and trampling. The only people who dared stand up to riot police were a couple groups of Sikh people who must have known it would look bad on police if they roughed up any minority group. These Sikh protestors were mingling among us and enjoying coffee and conversation as well until then. Really great folks.

How did the government mandates affect you?

Wife's business closed for far too long and support available was worthless to us. I fortunately could work from home but it was very challenging. What sickened me was Federal employees who live in my community stayed home, with full pay and had nothing to do. They actually worked second jobs with all the spare time they had. Made me so angry that my tax dollars were paying for their full salaries and benefits while they collected wages from second jobs. Us "normal" people had to work twice as hard to make ends meet or catch up. Angers me.

If you supported the protest, why?

Felt that the bravery of convoy people was being turned against them unfairly. Our tax dollars were being wasted beyond anything that could ever be considered reasonable. Became clear to that our government was no longer looking after its people, but rather chasing a personal agenda. This is incredibly wrong to me.

Mandy Sailland

Please provide age, and occupation:

41, Business Owner, RMT

Where do you live?

Alexandria, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Married, Caucasian, Female, middle class

Tell us about yourself.

I moved to Canada from the US 19 years ago. I live in a small town just south of Ottawa. I am an RMT, married with two children.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor and as an observer

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

February 19

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Warm clothes and a Canadian flag

What was your role?

Observer, protesting

Did you donate food or supplies?

Food on another protest day in Cornwall

Did you come with your family?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Primarily peace and chanting from protesters, we did witness violence from the officers towards the front line of protestors. I witnessed an older lady who was on her knees get kneed in her head by a female officer from Alberta. The lady was screaming to stop and that the officer was hurting her which was when the line of enforcement decided to rush forward. The lady started screaming that she was being trampled. I looked back to see what was happening but the entire line of enforcement blocked the scene. Everyone who was standing on the front line got hit and shoved with batons while being forced backwards.

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

Yes because the businesses were shut down

Where did you walk/drive? (Street name)

Downtown from one road to the other. Not sure of the names.

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Yes, as we drove into the downtown core there were several checkpoints for us to get through. Once we parked and started walking there were blockades everywhere. Towards the protests they had streets blocked off and divided the protestors into smaller groups down side streets. When we left to go home we had to walk different routes because law enforcement blocked our route.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

Yes

If yes, were you beaten by the police? (explain, snatched, zipped tied, driven away)

Not hard, but I was pushed and hit with the baton on the back when the front line enforcements decided to rush forward and move the protest back.

What were the police wearing? What did they use to beat you? (rifle, stick etc.)

Black uniforms with riot gear, baton. Another side street was police officers from Durham Region who were nice. In Cornwall it was officers from Cornwall.

How did the government mandates affect you?

I wasn't able to cross borders to go see my family, I felt that my choices about my body were taken away from me, I felt that the country had been pushed to decide against one another, my job became increasingly hard because people were having more mental health issues.

If you supported the protest, why?

People should have the choice as to what's being put into their body. I feel that the government overreached their powers and took away our democratic rights.

Chris Schatz

What is your age and occupation?

54, teacher

Where do you live?

St. Catharines

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian, born and raised

Tell us about yourself.

Married, father of two boys 16 and 18. Both my wife and I are teachers, live in St. Catharines with our extended family

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns

Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

How much did you donate?

No

Randy Schiller

What is your age and occupation:

59, Financial Coach

Where do you live?

Weyburn

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

White, God-fearing heterosexual male.

Tell us about yourself.

Freedom-loving conservative who is pissed off at fascist politicians.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, Enough is enough, and return our lost freedom

Why did you donate?

Government is corrupt

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Corrina Seabrooke

Please provide your age:

51

Where do you live?

Chilliwack, British Columbia

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

White, heterosexual, female

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Cash

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Sean Seawright

Please provide your age and occupation:

42, Public Works Manager

Where do you live?

Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Caucasian, Middle Classed, Straight, Non-Religious

Tell us about yourself.

42-year-old father of 2, married, public servant, involved in my community, hockey coach.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Tania Sekura

What is your age and occupation?

51, Massage Therapist/Yoga Instructor

Where do you live?

Saskatchewan

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

1st generation Canadian, low income, European decent, spiritual, normal

Tell us about yourself.

Hard working, frugal, honest, caring, open minded, mom, proud and grateful to live in Canada

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Candice Sero

1. I am a 50-year-old indigenous woman, a full-blooded Mohawk, born and raised in Canada. I presently live in Deseronto, Ontario, but I grew up in Tyendinaga, Mohawk Territory. I grew up simple with love, a roof over my head and food.
2. I am a carnival worker, working outdoors. In 2020, the carnival I work at was shut down due to the pandemic and restrictions that were put in place. I could not work for a long time because of the restrictions. This impacted me greatly. I applied for and received CERB, which kept me afloat but did not keep me out of poverty. It was barely enough to survive.
3. Sometime in 2021, the carnival re-opened, but it was limited to only certain things within the carnival that could be operated. If I wanted to return to work, I was told I would have to receive the Covid-19 vaccine and be double vaccinated. I felt forced because I needed the income to survive. I received two doses of the vaccine in order to return to work.
4. I am unable to wear a mask. It was such a negative experience for me, so I did not wear it. I wouldn't go to certain places if it was mandatory. I faced a lot of discrimination throughout the pandemic because I could not wear a mask.
5. Until the mandates came into effect, I was proud to call myself Canadian. After everything that has happened, I no longer feel that way and don't associate with being Canadian, everything has changed, and this is no longer the Canada I knew. When the mandates were implemented, everyone was told there would be no visiting people outside their household. I was told that I couldn't go and see my friends or family around my area, the people I grew up with, and my community, there was no longer any closeness, and everything was and is now divided.
6. I went to Ottawa for the Protest from February 5th to February 19th, with the children in my mind, I went for the children. I don't want them to grow up with masks on their faces or in a world where they cannot socialize with their friends, family or community, not being hugged by the people that love them. Children need that kind of physical contact.
7. I ended up going to Ottawa with a group of friends, we were meeting up with others that had been there for some time already, and they had been staying in their truck. As people would pass by this truck, they were signing it, and we were all going to sign it too.
8. When we arrived in Ottaway, we walked up Wellington. There were so many people. It was such a nice crowd and so nice to be amongst people. It was a feeling of love. At some point, I ended up getting separated from my friends. I ended up walking back to where we had parked the car, only to find that my friends were no longer there. I didn't have any minutes left on my phone, so I had to find open Wi-Fi. Once I found Wi-Fi, the messages from my

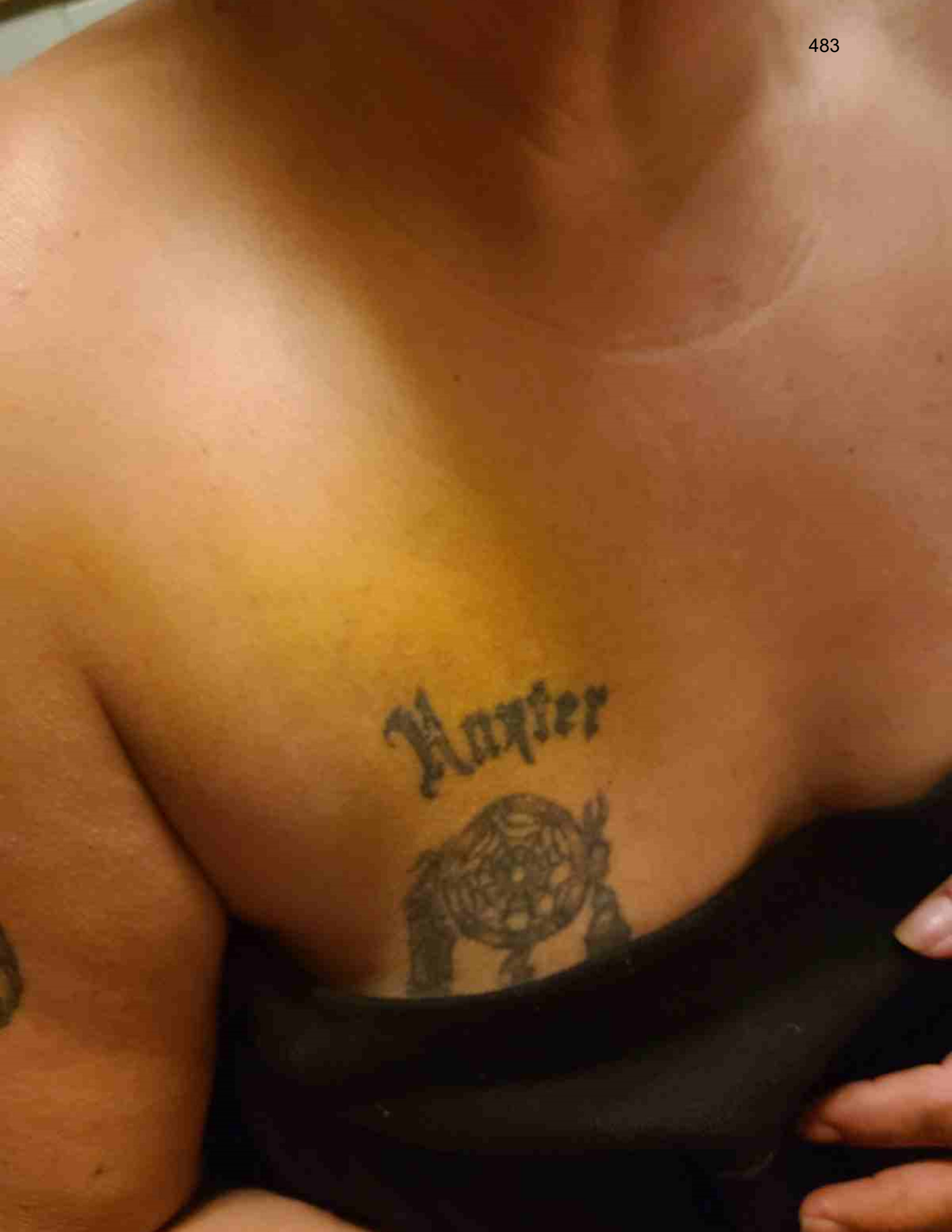
friends came in, which included directions to the truck I wanted to sign, so that is what I did; I went to the truck. When I arrived, I saw all of the signatures of people, and each one was like a warm hug to me.

9. During my time there, I walked around and talked to a lot of people, and I talked to the truckers; we all had the same views. The generosity of people was astounding, people were giving out food on every corner, and people were walking around handing out cookies and other things that children had made to give out. All I could feel was love.
10. I ended up staying in my friend's truck for a few days. Then, I decided to head home temporarily to get my vehicle, some clothes and warmer shoes, and I went right back to Ottawa. I wanted to be around the people, and I wanted to hug people that haven't hugged in two years. Those hugs were powerful. I could feel the overwhelming love and unity, and people wept on my shoulders.
11. I encountered people who weren't involved in the convoy. I would listen to them say what they had to say and offer a hug. There were no interactions that were negative. This experience changed my life. All the conversations, interactions, and people coming together in joy and standing up for something were soothing to be back around people.
12. I was still in Ottawa on February 18th, and on that morning, my friends and I went to Tim Hortons and got a coffee. It had snowed the day before, so some of us had shovelled the street where we were. At some point, some friends went up to see what was going on up the hill, and another lady and I stayed back. It was a nice time, and we were sitting around talking and joking around. I eventually walked up the hill, came to the tomb of the unknown soldier, and took a knee out of respect. When I stood up, others did too, and we all hugged and parted ways. I ended up going back to my vehicle when I had a feeling in my heart that I needed to go back up to the hill to see what was happening with my own eyes.
13. When I arrived back at the hill, there were officers in green who had no identifying markings on their uniforms. All I could see was their eyes over their face masks. The look in their eyes was blank. They were soulless, with no emotion in any of them. I said, "this is a peaceful protest. I'm here for your children, your grandchildren, and your great-grandchildren" that is when they brought in the horses, and I was separated from my friends.
14. The horses came in, and they trampled me. Other protestors tried to help me to the convoy side, but the officers in green blocked us and ended up pulling me to their side. The Officers were rough as they pulled me to my feet to stand me up. I was in a lot of pain. I had a big knot feeling in the back of my right thigh, my hip was very sore, and my right shoulder was in a lot of pain; I thought it was dislocated, and I was in pain that I hadn't felt before. I had an officer on each side of me pulling me by my arms, and I told the one on my right that my right arm was dislocated. The officer said, "no, it isn't" I was insistent, but they wouldn't

listen to me. The officer on the left guided everything, aggressively pulling me to one side street and telling me to leave. I tried telling the officers that my car was back in the other area and was told I was not allowed back into the "red zone" where it was located.

15. I felt safer in the "red zone," where my friends and vehicle were. I was very sore and had difficulty making my way down a set of stairs and then through the streets to try and get back to my friends or vehicle. I needed medical attention. It seemed that everywhere I went, there were police officers. I was at one corner at Rideau and Riverside, and five officers told me I couldn't go that way, so I continued down Riverside. It took me two and a half to three hours walking with my walker, through all of the deep snow and after being trampled by a horse to get back to my friends and my vehicle. My friends were worried that I had died and were elated to see me again.
16. I was still in so much pain that I sought medical attention. I ended up at a hotel where a man called me for an ambulance. Once they arrived, I was taken to Mawkwood Hospital. When I got there, it was strange to me. No one was examining me or asking me questions, and I thought that would have been the first thing done as I had arrived in an ambulance. I was in the waiting room for 8 or 9 hours before someone saw me. I had no idea what the hospital workers were talking about as they all spoke French and couldn't understand French. There was very little English spoken to me. Thankfully, someone who attended the hospital with me knew French and helped communicate with them. I was eventually sent for an x-ray, and I was informed a short time later that my collarbone had been broken. I was covered in bruises. The back of my leg, from my butt to my knee, was bruised, and my shoulder right around my chest was bruised. I had a hoof print on my shoulder blade and was in a lot of pain. On February 19th, 2022, I was discharged from the hospital and went to a hotel for a brief stay.
17. After I had gone home, and roughly a week after receiving my injuries, I went to another hospital as I was still in so much pain. My cousin drove me to Kingston Hospital; my face at this time had already been all over the world as the woman who was trampled by a horse. The nurses at Kingston Hospital recognized me before I entered the Emergency Room. When my name was called, one of the nurses told me they thought I should leave. They said that if I went back there, they didn't know where I would end up. I was told that SIC police were everywhere looking for me. I left Kingston Hospital and attended Napanee, a smaller community and went the hospital there. At Napanee Hospital, I received x-rays and was informed that I also had a broken shoulder, a torn rotator cuff and a bruised right lung.
18. I have an MRI scheduled for next week, and once that has been attended to, I will eventually see an orthopedic surgeon for my injuries.
19. Until February 18th in Ottawa, I had the time of my life. It was so peaceful being around all the people; everyone in Ottawa was happy. When the Emergency Act was enacted, and all

the police came in, it changed me. The injuries I received on February 18th, 2022, changed my life. I am not the same person. I suffer physically in pain every day and still have so many medical appointments to deal with because of that day. It has affected my mental health, and I have PTSD.



Kate Shore

What is your age and occupation?

40, Librarian

Where do you live?

St. John's, Newfoundland

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian

Tell us about yourself.

I am a mom, a spouse, an I. O stove out of the box thinker that has always questioned everything. I love knowledge and learning about individual truths (since there is no universal one) and believe that medical mandates have no place in a free society

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer, provided financial support, and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GiveSendGo

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Robin Shore

Please provide your age and occupation:

52, SAHM

Where do you live?

British Columbia

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Middle class, straight, married

Tell us about yourself.

Mom of 2, masters level education, believer in freedom

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Suzanne Simard

What is your age and occupation:

37, Homemaker

Where do you live?

Edmonton

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Metis German, Christian, woman

Tell us about yourself.

My husband lost a 17 year military career, due to vaccine mandates. As such, our family is living a version of the nightmare that the truckers faced.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present and attended local convoy events.

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, and opposed vaccine mandates

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

How much did you donate?

None, I had a bad feeling that it would get me in trouble

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Jaskanwal Singh, JD, BA (Hons.)

1. I am a 32-year-old Canadian Sikh currently living in Toronto, Ontario.
2. On February 19th, 2022, I was with a few friends in Ottawa near Parliament Hill, by Bank Street and Wellington Street. We were there in the spirit of peaceful assembly and civil discourse and to come to a peaceful understanding with all parties involved at the Freedom Rights Protest regarding what had been going on socially, politically, and economically for the past two years during the Covid-19 pandemic pertaining to issues such as lockdowns and vaccine mandates. The protection of human rights, civil liberties and fundamental freedoms is something very dear to me. Not only do I consider this to be a moral duty, but a professional one as well. As a passionate law school graduate of the University of Ottawa awaiting my license from the Law Society of Ontario to become a lawyer, I take it very seriously to help uphold and protect the rights of Canadians under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The division, segregation, and polarization of citizens within Canada during the past few years were unbearable, with families being torn apart and the very fabric of Canadian society being ripped apart. As politicians continued to hurl insults at those who disagreed with their policies, my friends and I drew parallels with other protests where governments would mislabel and mischaracterize protestors to stigmatize and intimidate them and have the public dismiss the validity of their concerns. Coming from a Sikh background, we knew far too well how such tactics were used against Sikhs in India who tried to champion their human rights.
3. Additionally, as Canadians invested in the country's well-being, coming from families that have sacrificed so much to make a living in Canada and to contribute to Canadian society, we thought it was extremely important to follow the democratic ramifications of what was going on in Ottawa, especially considering that such precedents of government response would impact future generations. Many immigrant families (including mine) faced discrimination, prejudice, and racism upon coming to Canada (especially in the prior decades). Despite their struggles, they overcome adversity to make Canada a more diverse and inclusive country while working hard in blue-collar jobs. In fact, many labourers and truck drivers come from immigrant Punjabi-Sikh families, and I knew many who were affected by mandates that did not allow them to work as truckers. My friends and I had also seen how the pandemic, and the corresponding lockdowns, infringed upon the right to the freedom of peaceful assembly at previous protests in Canada (including the Farmer's Protests stemming from India). These protests were shut down in Toronto as police cited safety and health concerns. We believed it was extremely important that avenues of the democratic process and protest remain open and free so that individuals could voice their individual, social and collective concerns rather than be silenced and forgotten amid pandemic confusion.

4. The atmosphere at the protest in Ottawa was one of love, compassion, unity, togetherness, and diversity. People from all over Canada came together to share their concerns, stories, and lives with each other. At the heart of everyone's story was a genuine desire to come together peacefully to express their views and opinions to anyone willing to listen. There was also a sincere concern about the impacts of government mandates on the well-being of children and how future generations would be at the mercy of oppressive government power. At one point during the protest, my friends gave snacks to the Toronto Police officers. There were even a few hugs between a senior police officer and us, and a police officer fist-bumping me during a conversation. We were having open, candid conversations about the state of Canadian political affairs while discussing the overall effects of the mandates upon Canadian society, including the division that political leaders have caused. An officer told me that I should never lose the spirit I had for caring about Canada's social and political trajectory as I expressed my concern about the plight of all Canadians during the past few years.
5. Shortly after speaking to these Toronto Police officers, a different group of officers in olive green uniforms came to the front lines, along with Ottawa police officers holding batons.
6. On February 19th, 2022, I was holding the sacred Sikh flag (the "Nishan Sahib") while peacefully conversing with protestors and officers. The flag I was holding was not directed or pointed towards anyone; I had it slung over my shoulder and hoisted upwards, as did others around me holding Canadian flags. While backing away from these olive-green uniformed police officers, who appeared more military than friendly community police and who were advancing and telling protestors to move backwards as they cleared the area in front of Parliament Hill, I was suddenly assaulted by police officers without warning and without cause.
7. Even though I was obeying orders and backing up along with everyone else around me, I was snatched and grabbed by the police officers, and one of the police officers grabbed the religious Nishan Sahib from my hands. As I was holding the flag in my hands, the force of the officer yanking me forced me behind the line or chain of police officers. This line was made up of police officers in various uniforms (including who I believe to be Quebec police officers, Ottawa police officers, unidentified officers etc.), and 5-6 officers swarmed me in heavy police gear. I was pulled towards them as they yanked the flag forward, and once I stumbled forward, behind their line and out of sight from the protestors, I was aggressively attacked from all sides and thrown face-first to the ground by multiple officers.
8. I fell, hitting my head, shocked by the violent treatment, while multiple police officers violently jumped onto my back. The flag was stuck under me, and the pressure of hundreds of pounds on my back forced me to the ground, pinned down under the weight of so many officers attacking me.

9. I was punched in my head, punched in my ribs, kneed in my ribs, kneed in my back, and pinned down very aggressively, including with what I believe were knees dug deep into my back.
10. My religious garments were forcefully ripped off me. My turban was torn off and thrown onto the ground next to me while my Kirpans (religious daggers) were cut off me, even though I yelled out that they were religious. Not only did the officers ignore that, but as they proceeded to cut the kirpans off me, they destroyed the strap (which also ensured they were secure and sheathed) in the process. During this arbitrary beatdown, I was not asked about my religious garments, treated with respect or given the courtesy of being asked how to treat my religious gear, how to take them off me, etc. I yelled that they were religious garments, and I was not fighting back, swearing or anything else. I could not even breathe, let alone do anything to resist the arrest. Yet, I was brutally beaten while having the Nishan Sahib ripped away from me and thrown to the ground. Another sacred item, my Kanga (religious hair comb), was on the ground as well – as the force of being so aggressively attacked made my secure Kanga (tucked in my hair, under my turban). I felt fearful, threatened, humiliated and helpless beyond words. I was subjected to inhumane treatment by the police officers and cruel and unusual punishment. The actions of the police officers towards me were torturous and a severe violation of my Charter and human rights, including my right to religious freedom and freedom from discrimination. I felt targeted and attacked due to my distinct appearance as a religious minority. The Nishan Sahib was also targeted because our presence as Sikhs went against the government narrative that this was a gathering of white extremists and racists.
11. These religious symbols (Kirpan and Kanga) are two of five religious symbols (Kakkars) that initiated Sikhs such as myself hold in the highest of regards. These are treated with such respect and devotion that they are never to leave the body, as they are seen as extensions of a Sikh's very being. These Kakkars (articles of faith) are fundamental to an initiated Sikh's way of life, spiritual journey and existence itself. Another of the Kakkars is Kes (unshorn hair), and an initiated Sikh is meant to cover their Kes with a turban at all times. These Kakkars are given with respect, love and sincerity to Sikhs from our very Guru and are treated with the utmost devotion. Yet, these Kakkars were blatantly disrespected and attacked. I felt naked and powerless without being able to give the Kakkars the respect and care they deserved, as the religious leaders in charge of initiating Sikhs tell us that we must take care of these Kakkars as if they are our very livelihood.
12. While I was pinned to the ground, with knees to my back pinning me down and hundreds of pounds (including heavy police gear) on my back, I could no longer breathe. Being asthmatic and in approximately -40 degrees weather with windchill, while having no room for my lungs to expand/contract due to being brutally pinned down, I screamed that I could not breathe. In response, I heard officers laughing while mocking me, saying things like "if you can talk, you can breathe, buddy" and "yeah, sure, bud." At that point, I felt like I would

no longer make it, as I had no room to breathe freely. No one took my pleas seriously, despite being pinned down for a long time. In fact, there is a video where a woman on the other side of the line asks, "How long are you going to keep him on the ground?" The severity of the situation was such that I felt like I was about to die.

13. As I lay on the ground on my stomach, with knees dug so fiercely into my back, and with my face to the side looking at my turban, and Kanga disrespectfully tossed on the ground next to me, I felt as if I was taking my last breaths, unable to breathe.
14. Looking back, I still can't believe this happened in Canada, on Parliament's doorsteps, especially in light of what happened to George Floyd just a few years ago. I have always been so proud to have connected back to my religious roots, and happy to start wearing my turban again a few years ago in a country like Canada that celebrates diversity and religious freedom. Yet, at that moment, I felt heartbroken seeing Canadian flags all around me but being treated like a second-class citizen not worthy of any respect or dignity. My human dignity was stripped by the police actions and the government's authorization of excessive use of force. I was once a proud kid singing the Canadian national anthem and grew up happy to call Canada home for its diverse culture and emphasis on protecting human rights. Yet, I was treated with such blatant disrespect, racism, discrimination, inhumane treatment and abuse that all of those feelings flew out the window. The Canadian government often speaks of respecting diversity, inclusion, and equity, yet what happened to me was the complete opposite.
15. Not only did I get treated with religious disrespect, racism and police brutality, but even after I was taken into custody in a police cruiser, my friends who were at the scene pleaded with the police officers to return the Nishan Sahib to them. Instead, the officers let it lay on the ground, being trampled by others and refused to even pick it up and put it upright, let alone return it. Instead, it was left on the ground, and no one got back to my friends about what was done with it. That is our private and personal property and a religious symbol of great meaning and importance to not only me, but my whole community. On the video, the officers state they had no time to return it that and that everyone was caught up, even though the video shows dozens and dozens of officers standing around – with no attempt to pick up the Nishan Sahib, treat it with respect, return it or even pick it up and put it anywhere else but the ground.
16. I was pinned down and attacked so severely that there were cuts, lacerations and bruises on my face and back and what I believed to be a boot imprint in my lower back. After the incident, I went to the doctor's office, where my doctor saw cuts and bruises and scheduled an MRI for me. The MRI revealed issues with my back, including problems with the discs in my back – whereas previously, I never had any such issues with my back. Further, two months or so after the injuries, the back pain I suffered also led to over-compensation on

my knees while playing sports, as I suffered a fully torn ACL while playing basketball (even though I had never suffered any sports injury before this).

17. To this day, months and months after the brutal arrest, I still suffer from severe lower-mid back pain and bilateral knee pain. I have also been impacted mentally by what happened, as the shock of what happened to me still has not worn off. I sometimes struggle between suppressing what had happened versus feeling shunned, neglected and disrespected by our government, police forces and Canadian democracy. The psychological and emotional pain of what happened to me still lingers with me to this day.
18. In addition to suffering physically, emotionally and mentally from the invocation of the Emergencies Act, the government's authorization of human rights violations, including police actions and the use of violence to arrest me, I am also suffering from a professional perspective. As a graduate of the University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law, I sought to always use my legal education and privilege to stand up for Canadian rights and liberties. However, upon recently passing the Ontario Bar Exams, I am now unable to be called to the bar because the arrest and the corresponding charges (Public Mischief, Disobeying A Lawful Order, Resisting Arrest) have led to an investigation by the Law Society of Ontario pertaining to my 'Good Character.' Even though I was arrested and beaten arbitrarily, excessively and viciously, I am now subject to further punishment. After years and years of schooling and anticipation to become a lawyer, I am unable to be licensed due to having been charged pursuant to the invocation of the Emergencies Act, which violated my right to participate in freedom of peaceful assembly and practice my religion.
19. I have also suffered spiritually, as many in my religious community felt heartbroken, saddened, humiliated and angered by the treatment of the Nishan Sahib and my religious articles of faith. I felt ashamed to have brought this level of sadness and pain to my community, even though I was only exercising my Charter rights and freedoms. My relationship with my community is still strained because of the events that occurred, as I sometimes feel the weight of their pain and anger towards what happened. The treatment of my articles of faith and the Nishan Sahib continues to pain my community, as Sikhs have constantly faced persecution, harassment, violence and racism throughout our history (including genocides and police abuse from India). The trauma continues to haunt Sikhs today, and such incidents only further reinforce such traumas.
20. It is important to note that the Nishan Sahib is a religious Sikh flag that stands for Oneness, equality, justice, truth and love for all. As such, the Nishan Sahib represents many of the core values within the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms pertaining to freedom of conscience, religion, equality, fairness and freedom from discrimination and segregation. This commitment to human rights is at the core of my identity as both a Sikh and a Canadian. As a Sikh, it is my duty to look beyond political and social polarization to see humanity amongst all – to recognize the human race as One. This message has been given

to Sikhs from our Gurus, and is more important than ever in today's world. The Nishan Sahib carries great importance, as it is the sign of what Sikh stands for. In fact, the Nishan Sahib is visible outside every Gurdwara (Sikh place of worship) as a welcoming sign to all people. This flag tells everyone that they are welcome inside the Gurdwara, regardless of their race, background, religion etc. and that they can always participate in spiritual Sangat (community togetherness) and in Langar (community kitchen), amongst other things. The police would not think to rip a Christian Cross from someone and leave it on the floor to humiliate them, would they? Nowadays, police have cross-cultural training to understand the relevance and respect towards all religious symbols, yet they still proceeded to insult, degrade and humiliate both me and my faith.

21. The current government's political divisiveness and segregation of individuals voicing their human rights concerns compelled me to be an advocate and seek the truth. I do not believe it is fair for politicians to label protestors as "white extremists, racists and misogynistic," which both Justin Trudeau and Jagmeet Singh did. Labelling protestors as such while refusing to meet with them and listen to their concerns is not the way democracies ought to be run. It is a cheap and lazy way to write off the concerns of the Canadian populace, and it could not have been further from the truth. I saw people of all colours, backgrounds, faiths and religions in Ottawa and experienced no incidents of discrimination or racism from the protestors. In fact, the only racist, abusive and extremist treatment I received was from the police officers following the invocation of the Emergencies Act. I believe this deliberate, racist attack towards me was carried out because the presence of Sikhs was contrary to the message that was being portrayed by the media and the government, which was that the protest was gathering ground for racists and extremists. My unique identity and the distinct Nishan Sahib amidst the huge crowd directly contradicted the mainstream narrative, and no other flag was so forcibly stripped away in the same targeted manner. The police and government actions were not at all befitting of democracy, especially considering that many of the officers were not even identifiable, and have left me suffering mentally, emotionally, physically and even spiritually. I truly cannot fathom all that happened on Canadian soil.
22. Lastly, I have made a Freedom of Information Request for CCTV Footage at the intersection where I was beaten and arbitrarily arrested (Bank Street and Wellington Street). This request was made on March 22nd, 2002. A few weeks later, on April 8th, 2002, I received a letter from the City of Ottawa's Access to Information and Privacy Office, which stated that my Access request to the records was denied as "the disclosure could reasonably be expected to interfere with a law enforcement matter." On May 19th, 2002, I received an Acknowledgement of Appeal regarding the aforementioned decision, as I stated in my appeal that the video disclosure was needed for me to provide a full answer and defence to my charges and because my Section 7 Charter rights were at stake due to the criminal proceedings. On October 24th, 2002, I received a Notice of Mediation regarding my appeal from the City of Ottawa's Access to Information and Privacy Office, but just a few days later,

on October 26th, 2022, I received a further letter from the City of Ottawa's Access to Information and Privacy Office stating that

"The IPC provided the City with notice of mediation on October 24th, 2022, and in preparation, we consulted further with the Ottawa Police Service to seek their views again on the release of the requested record. As a result, we have prepared this further final access decision and access is hereby denied to the records requested, in accordance with the following Section of the Act.

Section(s) 52(2.1) This Act does not apply to a record relating to a prosecution if all proceedings in respect of the prosecution have not been completed."

23. Thus, not only have my rights pertaining to peaceful demonstration and religion been violated but the right to have a full answer and defence has also been violated regarding the criminal charges against me and the Law Society's investigation into the matter.–I cannot put forth this video footage that I have requested and, as a result, cannot adequately defend myself. Disclosure of the City of Ottawa footage is required for transparency, fairness and due process. The failure to disclose this crucial evidence constitutes a violation of my Charter and human rights, and it completely perverts the administration of justice in Canada.





Palmynder Singh

1. I am a 31-year-old Sikh Canadian. I came to Canada in 2009 as an International Student. I currently work as a general contractor and live in Mount Forrest, ON. I am married and have a 4-year-old child.
2. I am a Sikh from India and experienced lots of tyranny and discrimination in India, fighting for freedom and human rights there.
3. Because of my experience in India being discriminated and, shamed and blamed, I felt compelled to participate in the Ottawa protests for human rights. I also could not believe how the government was responding to the truckers and the protestors in Ottawa after seeing how the government in Canada supported protesting farmers in India. In India, the government was trying to push laws that would occupy farmers' land. Farmers in India love their land and were not happy with what the government was doing.
4. I was in Ottawa every weekend. What I saw was amazing. It was really amazing to see Canadians, all Canadians, come together with peace and love and standing up for human rights. I met so many people that were supportive of the protest because they were not happy with what the government was doing to their rights. I made friends with people from all across Canada, but also, I made friends with many Ottawa locals. Many Ottawa locals were happy and came to join the protest and support the protest in any way they could. I also saw traffic run smoothly downtown and understood that the crime rates went down. Everyone treated me with respect and love, and I never felt unwelcome being a visible Sikh Canadian.
5. I also did not understand why Trudeau would not resolve this peacefully; instead, he continued to discriminate against us. He was right there. He could have listened to our concerns, but instead, he spoke negatively about all the protestors.
6. From what I saw of the police on February 18 and 19, the police behaviour was worse than what I ever saw in India. The Canadian protestors were beaten, harassed, intimidated, and the protestors remained peaceful the whole time. Again, the behaviour and the actions of the police and the government were worse in Canada in February 2022 than anything I ever saw in India. It was shocking and scary because India is notorious for how badly they treat human rights protestors, and Canada did worse to us.

7. I think some people don't understand how bad it is because all Canadians are being discriminated against. The government did this to Sikh people in India, calling us separatists and extremists. Canada is doing the same to Minority groups like me who are discriminated against. Why did Prime Minister Trudeau call me a white supremacist, extremist, misogynist, and homophobe with unacceptable views? When leaders call Canadians these things, it creates hate. It is a tyranny, it is wrong, and it must stop. That is why so many Canadians were protesting. The government was not listening to Canadians and discriminating against them.

Trevor Small

Please provide your age and occupation:

50, Electrical Estimator

Where do you live?

Medicine Hat, Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Albertan

Tell us about yourself.

Middle-Class believer in Individual rights based on Judeo Christian Western Inheritance and proud of it.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Michael Smart

What is your age and occupation?

58, Small Business Owner

Where do you live?

Manitoba

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Married Christian

Tell us about yourself.

Born and raised in Canada, retired teacher, 2 adult children and wife

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GiveSendGo

How much did you donate?

\$1-\$25

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates, I believe the Government went too far, and I despise our present government and prime minister

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Stacy Smart

What is your age and occupation?

46

Where do you live?

Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

True Canadian patriot

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Chelsea Smith

1. I appreciate everything the truckers and protestors did and continue to do.
2. On Feb 14th, 2022, I was put on leave without pay from my fully remote full time position with the government. I refused to be vaccinated, I submitted a religious exemption which was denied. I tried to receive help from my union who was 100% in agreement with my employer.
3. I was forced to take a Covid education class. Stating the vaccine was effective, save and there was no such thing as natural immunity. Nothing but positive and nothing but paid "scientists "and "medical professionals".
4. I was tasked for the remaining weeks of my employment to train new coworkers my tasks. I created documents with my knowledge for someone else to do my job.
5. Though I was on leave because I was a health risk to my remote job, I was able to go out, shop where there were lots of people. But I had not even met 80% of my coworkers in person because it was a remote position.
6. I applied for jobs and even remote jobs but was refused solely because I refused to declare my vaccination status, which was not listed on their site, job posting or discussed in interviews. I have had employers offer a job only to be told last minute that I had to be vaccinated even for fully remote positions.
7. I heard nothing from my union or workplace. I finally heard back in June that I would be reinstated in my old position.
8. My father and sister also lost their positions during this time. They were formally terminated. This meant my father could not pay his mortgage and he sold his and my mother's house and they lived with me, along with my other two sisters.
9. The mandates have also had an effect on me mentally. I never felt so hated in my life and so helpless. I feel I cannot enjoy life; I find myself prepping for the worst and I can't see a bright future for Canada. I know people have had it worse than me.
10. I fear so much for the future. I feel the government can now do anything. I don't feel safe, not against a foreign country but, my own. Covid wasn't worse than the government and the people who blindly follow.
11. Until the convoy I felt like one in a million, that's how my manager put it when they tried to get me to change my decision. Thanks to the convoy, I felt hope again.

Marie Smith

What is your age and occupation?

40s, School Secretary

Where do you live?

Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

I am a heterosexual, Christian female Canadian of European descent

Tell us about yourself.

I am a wife and mom, married to a man who has worked his butt off in our Oil & Gas industry for over 25 years to provide for our family. I have always volunteered for our children's sports, our community, our church. Always very interested in politics and civic duty. We give to various charities every year, we enjoy helping. We travel, we spend time with people from all walks of life. I was raised to respect everyone and listen to their point of view and opinions. I am politically a fiscal conservative and social middle of the road... hard to classify completely, ha! I have always been a proud Canadian and felt very fortunate to be born here. I remember growing up very poor in Alberta in the 80s due to then governments ridiculous policies. My parents are not political at all.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Pete Soczynski

Please provide your age and occupation:

47, Mariner

Where do you live?

Vancouver

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

European immigrant, proud Canadian, male, blue collar

Tell us about yourself.

DAD

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Catherine Sommer

1. I was an OR nurse. I'm the beginning we work through all the unknown. Crazy double masking /double gowning/ wrapping up our necks/double hats/double visors etc. It was suffocating to say the least but we did it all.
2. Then my trips that were planned/booked were canceled. One was to go see my brother in Africa. One was for a friend's wedding in Mexico and another for a friend in The Netherlands. That was still only the start of all this craziness. I was very ill with Lyme disease at this time and became too sick to work. The treatment here in Canada for Lyme disease is almost nonexistent and doesn't work. It is barely recognized by our government and many doctors lose their license for "treating patients not according to government rules" which is, massive amounts of antibiotics nonstop for years.
3. I fly to Germany to get treatment. It was an absolute nightmare to try to get there. With a folder thick of paperwork required to get aboard a plane off I went to the airport. I had letters from doctors here in Canada and in Germany stating that I needed this treatment. Along with other required documents I arrived at the airport. Of course, no one was allowed in except the person travelling. I came inside to the desk. Was treated horribly and was told I didn't have the correct documents. How would they know when they hadn't even looked in my folder what was all in there. Didn't even check my CPR tests that I had completed.
4. After being in Germany for three weeks, for treatment, we headed home. We faced the possibility of being put up in "motel jail" on arriving back to Canada. Again I had letters from two doctors stating that it would be detrimental to my health and that I needed to be properly taken care of at home. I had received stem cell transplant as the final part of my treatment. Leaving Germany was no problem. Arriving in Toronto was a different story. I had to show all my letters and documents again. Waited for the health officials to come question me as to why I couldn't stay in their hotel (at my own expense) for two weeks. Thank the Lord that I received a pass to go home. It was a terrible experience and seeing everyone else get hoarded into lines and on the busses made me feel guilty that I was "free"
5. Now one year further. I am almost back to normal health. I was hoping to go back to my job that I love so much. But because that I am not vaccinated and the hospital doesn't accept exemption letters, I am now getting FIRED for non-compliance. So when they tell you they are short nurses?! They are leaving by the thousands So in a few weeks I will be without a job. And no pay because I am not allowed to collect unemployment because I got fired for not getting vaccinated.

6. This has put me into depression and much anxiety the past two years. I don't know how I will go forward. I will have to find a job outside of my realm. I never thought I would have to do this at my stage in life. Through all this all my coworkers have stopped talking to me because I am "one of those". Thanks to the protest, I felt hope in Canada again.

James Sparks

Please provide your age and occupation:

74, Retired Teacher

Where do you live?

Laval, Quebec

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Marjorie Spencer

Please provide your age and occupation:

53, Truck Driver

Where do you live?

Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

White Canadian female.

Tell us about yourself.

I'm a hard worker disgusted with my country

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Enough is enough, and Anti-Covid vaccine

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Doug Squire

Please provide your age and occupation:

73, Retired

Where do you live?

Dorchester, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Middle Class Christian

Tell us about yourself.

Have a degree in engineering, spent 30 years designing and supporting software for financial planning.
Foster parent to 200 kids. Married 46 years, 2 sons, 3 daughters.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns and Government overreach

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Gave cash

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far and I believe in ending all the mandates

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Carol Stanton

Please provide your age and occupation:

72, Retired

Where do you live?

Fenelon Falls, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Born and raised in Canada, Christian, ordinary person.

Tell us about yourself.

Wife and mom of five, 9 grandkids, foodbank worker; hard-working Canadian.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Watched; could not go. They have hope when no one else even cared, meaning government totally ignored and the harm that they did to innocent people.

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Ana Stefanovic

1. I am a lifelong resident of Ottawa. I was directly impacted by mandates and discriminated against not only at businesses, but at my workplace, as well as the Recreation Centre that I pay for in my rent where I live. I was disgusted and sick and tired of this nonsense non-scientific blather by the government and so-called experts when true experts were being censored. I was sick and tired of the lies and discrimination, and the allowing of it to take place to push an agenda.
2. When the freedom convoy was conceived, it was the spark this country needed. This movement isn't about the leaders of it, is about the people and their rights and freedoms. So, when I hear people here say "racist" or "fascist" or some other made up nonsense, it both makes me laugh and makes me angry. No one in the movement was like that, and it wasn't about that at all. But of course, the media and government spun it and created a narrative, and sadly foolish people fell for it.
3. I went downtown numerous times and had no trouble driving in. There was a lane of traffic open pretty much everywhere unless police barricaded the street. At night it was quiet especially after the injunction, with the only noise at parliament. For those who don't understand physics, buildings dampen sound so the further you went towards residential areas there was no honking to be heard.
4. I went every weekend, also as often as I could during the weeknights, and what I saw was amazing. People from all different backgrounds there fighting to protect our rights and freedoms that the government was attempting to strip us of. So much love and unity, people sick and tired of the division instilled in this country by the corrupt government. I saw some heckling of those wearing masks outdoors, but that was Ottawa residents doing so. I saw no violence, no one attacked. Most egregious offense I witnessed was drinking in public. But certainly not any of the nonsense that the government and media tried to portray.
5. As matter of fact, I saw some counter protestors with truly racist signs, calling it "flu trux clan" and such.
6. People think this was about overthrowing the government. Now, while I think this government deserves it for what they have done, that wasn't what the protest was about. It was about being heard. But our Prime Minister not only failed to do that, he ran and hid like a coward, claiming covid infection, refused to speak to us, slandered all of us, and then illegally invoked the EA, and made it a non-confidence vote such that if people voted against the EA, it would trigger an election.

7. I have never seen more hate than those people against unvaccinated and against the convoy. My advice to those that hate this movement - Look up the definition of bigot and fascism, and then look in the mirror.
8. There are people that say we are already free; Well, we aren't. We live in the illusion of freedom, because our government is not as open as China or North Korea for example. But in the undercurrents of Liberalism, they are trying to bring communism in.
9. We are not truly free. Why? Because the moment the government thinks it can tell you what you can and cannot put in your body, and you comply with it, you have given up your rights and freedoms then and there. Without the right to your own bodily autonomy, you have nothing.
10. Thank you to the truckers for standing up for me and the rest of Canadians. You provided hope to Canada and life to Ottawa.

Marilyn Stewart

Please provide age and occupation:

67, Retired RN Manager

Where do you live?

Near Kingston, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Middle-class, rural conservative.

Tell us about yourself.

Retired in 2018 & expected to travel some & enjoy being home working on my genealogy.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Rob Stocki

1. I came to Ottawa in 1993 to attend school. I fell in love with this City and chose to live and work in Ottawa after finishing school.
2. I became an Ottawa Police Services (OPS) police officer in 1997. I retired in 2009. In my 13 years with the OPS, I had extensive experience working protests, vigils, demonstrations, and Canada Day events.
3. I have had the pleasure and experience of serving the public in various high-profile demonstrations and high-profile events throughout my police career, including and not limited to the following:
 - G20 Meetings / Demonstrations – Ottawa, 2001
 - G8 Demonstrations – Ottawa 2002
 - Various Canada Days from 1997 to 2009
 - President Bush's visit to Canada – November 2004
4. These events range from peaceful to tense. The most peaceful and celebratory one of these events is consistently Canada Day.

Canada Day in Ottawa

5. From a policing point of view, Canada Day is a day with two faces in Ottawa. Day face and night face. When I was a police officer, there would be two main shifts covering Canada Day. There would be a day shift, and there would be a night shift.
6. The day shift would present families with children, families with elderly, young revellers, students with families and parents, little children, and generally a happy, excited crowd enjoying the festivities. It would be very common to see members of the public passing other members of the public that they didn't know, wishing back and forth "Happy Canada Day." It was common to see "high fives," hugs, and sometimes even hugs with kisses as strangers passed one another gleefully waving flags and enjoying a sense of community. It was common to see participants from all over the world enjoying the day.
7. The night face of Canada Day would be a noticeably different crowd. Many younger revellers would take part in the festivities, and fairly often, one would see the carrying of alcohol. As police officers, we were instructed to relax our discretion regarding carrying alcohol. We were told we could let people pass with open alcohol as long as they acted responsibly and were not a nuisance to anyone else. In my experience, people often carried alcohol in containers that were not the original containers that the alcohol came from.

8. With the crowd size during Canada Day, it would not be unusual to take police calls involving drunkenness, fights, or in some rare cases, people carrying and shooting fireworks into the crowd.
9. Aside from those types of events, the vast majority of Canada day was loud but peaceful in the sense of no property damage and otherwise nonviolent.

The Freedom Rights Protest in Ottawa

10. The Freedom Rights Protest in Ottawa was an absolutely amazing event. To date, it was probably the most friendly, unified, determined, interesting, exhilarating, and pivotal moment in Canadian history. It was a day that the public peacefully stood up to their government for going too far.
11. My understanding of the purpose of the protest was to challenge the Covid-19 mandates, namely the Covid-19 vaccination mandate, which had been thrust on Canadians with the threat of certain cruel and unusual punishment for non-compliance regarding:
 1. Job loss;
 2. Suspension of mobility rights;
 3. Suspension of medical privacy;
 4. Suspension of health rights; and,
 5. The dehumanization of everyone who said no to the covid-19 mandates.
12. The social media hype was incredible. Updates were continuously given on where various convoys were in relation to the city. I was pleased to see Police providing escorts to truckers to get them downtown. I was pleased to see the truckers were peaceful and were also pleased to see so many members of the public honking and demonstrating support for the Convoy.
13. Once the trucks were in place, people from all over Ottawa began to make their way into the city. Once the festivities started and the crowds arrived, I saw the resemblance to Canada Day, with various trucks providing musical entertainment. I observed dancing, a sense of unity, friendliness, patience, and an overall sense of joy that so many people were congregating, fearless, not wearing masks, and suspicious of the government mandates. There were even more hugs and high-fives than I have ever observed during Canada Day.
14. I had sound equipment rented by the New Blue Party of Ontario leader Jim Karahalios. I brought that sound equipment to a boom truck as we received information that the PPS refused to allow a gathering on Parliament Hill or the use of power for our sound system. I was prepared for this with a generator, as we had experienced the PPS toying with our

demonstration plans in the past, despite being cleared and having permits to demonstrate on Parliament Hill.

15. On the first day, I was the MC on stage on the boom truck, addressing the crowd and having people come up to the microphone to tell their stories to the crowd. It was an extremely moving event, and countless people told heartfelt stories of suffering government-sponsored discrimination. I heard countless stories about family tension and breakups due to the Covid-19 mandates. I also heard stories of heroism for those who stood up and said no and lost their jobs and livelihood as a result, and I also witnessed friendships being formed between people from diverse backgrounds.
16. I attended the protest for many days. I never saw anyone being belligerent, violent, unruly, or rude to the Police. As a matter of fact, in the early days of the protest, I saw many police officers being friendly, posing for pictures with participants and genuinely engaging the protesters in a "community policing" fashion – warm and friendly while at the same time very professional.
17. I was shocked the first time I saw the mainstream media misrepresenting what the Ottawa protest was all about. I saw various tactics that I recognized as propaganda techniques meant to frame and manufacture a negative opinion toward peaceful protestors.
18. It surprised me that on January 26th, 2022, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau would refer to the Convoy as "The small fringe minority of people who are on their way to Ottawa who are holding unacceptable views..." I believe that this message incited hatred towards the peaceful protestors and fueled counter-protestors to harass and intimidate the peaceful protestors and encourage government officials to use violent tactics to 'clear' the peaceful protestors from Ottawa. I also expect that his harmful rhetoric made the efforts of police officers on the ground very difficult because it is the police officers tasked with managing the protestors and the counter-protestors.
19. Throughout the protest, the participants remained peaceful, despite a change in the tactics of the Police, who clearly attempted to intimidate protesters.
20. From my experience as a police officer who has participated in various Canada Days and demonstrations and protests, the Police are always mindful of the "Use of Force Wheel" [See Appendix 1].
21. The Use of Force Wheel is an illustrated guide on different levels of force that can be deployed based on a police officer's interpretation of a subject's behaviour in each situation. This "Use of Force Wheel" is familiar to every police officer in Canada.

22. The "Wheel" begins at 12 o'clock. As the situation in the wheel moves clockwise, the amount of justifiable force increases.
23. The lowest form of force recognized on the Use-of-Force wheel is "Officer presence." This means the officer is present in uniform but not issuing commands to anyone.
24. What is peculiar to me, and an observation I made during the protests as the protests continued, was the unjustified escalation in force within the parameters of "Officer Presence."
25. From the first day of the Ottawa protest, all the attendees I observed were peaceful, joyous, singing, dancing, hugging, listening, cheering, and peacefully protesting.
26. The protest became quieter after the noise injunction.
27. Throughout the entire period of the Ottawa protest, there was no increase in intensity, no commencement of violence or intimidation, no damage to property or other relative undesirable behaviour, the protest remained completely peaceful and lawful.
28. Despite the peaceful protestors and lawful assembly with no sign of violence or intimidation from the protestors, I observed that the "Officer Presence" level of force unjustifiably increased to deliberate intimidation.
29. This was observed in the changes from the "Soft Hat" appearance of officers mingling among participants, (a "Soft-Hat" appearance is a regular, everyday uniform appearance with no special equipment). To a "Tactical Appearance" where officers are outfitted and displayed with increased firepower and crowd control tools such as covered faces, helmets, tear gas shotguns, tear gas rounds visually displayed on tactical vests, eye protection and sturdier footwear and armour.
30. Traditionally during a protest, the "Soft Hats" are deployed with the tactical and crowd control teams held in reserve, usually on buses, so they can be deployed quickly to a given location if and when they're necessary.
31. It was obvious to me that a leadership decision was made to increase and escalate the perception of force by using an appearance of intimidation by deploying the tactical officers into the crowd, despite the protest continuing and remaining peaceful and lawful throughout.

Police Brutality

32. Given what I saw in Ottawa on Canada Day and other events versus what I saw in Ottawa during the protest, in a democracy -- the violence and brutality of the Police after the Emergencies Act was invoked was wholly unnecessary and unreasonable, unlawful, and a breach of Charter and human rights.
33. Instead of the federal government listening to its people and the message of the protest, which was to end all federal covid-19 mandates, and irrespective of the peaceful nature of the protest and right to lawful and peaceful assembly, the federal government, equipped the Police with authorization of unlawful use of force and violence to clear the protestors from Ottawa. It is my belief that this sort of government conduct is contrary to the tenets of democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights.

Wiretapping Concerns

34. On May 18, 2022, I got a letter from the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General notifying me that I was an "Object of Interception" and that I was subject to a wiretap from February 18 to 19, 2022 [attached Appendix 2].
35. I made an application to this Commission on behalf of at least two dozen active and non-active police officers subjected to digital wiretapping relating to the protest in Ottawa during the time that the Emergencies Act was invoked.
36. I have spoken to active and non-active police officers with varying levels of activity related to the Ottawa protest. All were notified by the attached letter from the Ontario Attorney General in May of 2022 that they were subjected to government surveillance of their personal communication devices without any notice or cause.
37. The Commission should consider the government surveillance that we were subjected to, and on what basis government surveillance was warranted, given that this affected police officers relating to the Emergencies Act invocation.
38. I understand that surveillance of myself and other persons during a protest is an arbitrary or unlawful interference with privacy, a breach of the Charter and human rights. Surveillance and use of force have a 'chilling effect' on the right to freedom of speech and expression guaranteed under international human rights instruments.
39. What can be said/asked about the group of Police that were targeted for electronic interception of communications is:

- a) What was the bases of the justification of the s.188 warrant, which requires an element of reasonable grounds of the involvement of criminal activity.
- b) Some of the subjects took the covid-19 vaccination in order keep their jobs, that is their livelihood.
- c) Some were currently working, some were retired, some were on leave without pay, some were on medical leave.
- d) To what extent were the subjects surveilled?
- e) Do the subjects have rights to know what was yielded and how they fall into place within the scope of the Commission?
- f) What was done with the information since?
- g) What did the Return to Justice from the warrants indicate?
- h) None of the subjects were involved in criminal activity
- i) None of the subjects have been charged.
- j) There is no determinable link between the subjects surveilled.

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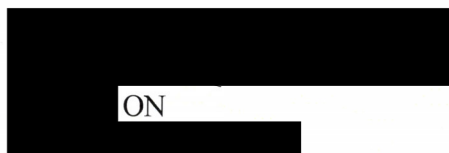
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May 18, 2022

Xpresspost

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: NOTIFICATION OF OBJECT OF INTERCEPTION

This letter serves as notice that you were the object of interception pursuant to an authorization granted by a Judge pursuant to section 188 of the *Criminal Code* on February 18, 2022. The authorization to intercept private communications pursuant to section 188 was valid from February 18, 2022 to February 19, 2022.

Respectfully,

Electronic Surveillance Unit

Marilyn Stowe

Please provide your age and occupation:

79, Retired

Where do you live?

Sherwood Park, AB

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Christian female

Tell us about yourself.

I believe in freedom

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer

Why were you involved in the Protest?

Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Eli Sukunda and Marie Veilleux

1. For us, semi-retired and fully retired Canadian Seniors, the *Emergencies Act* invoked in 2022 has completely shattered the definition and perception we have held so far of Canada of our rights and freedoms and our democracy. The unwillingness of our leaders to listen to a vast group of Canadian citizens (who saw no other option than to settle in front of our Parliament, everyone's Parliament) and the decision to quash our rights by using this Act simply for power was incredibly frightening.
2. Who will forget the hundreds of thousands of supporters meeting the Freedom Convoy on all Canadian highways? This movement was following many such protests globally from citizens outraged by their governments' unscientific overreach. The Freedom Convoy represented Canadians from all walks of life. Not only truckers were the ones who bravely came forward. Indeed, lawyers, doctors and academics were present in Ottawa, attempting to open a discussion with the PM and his office. Though mainstream media reported not much, the support was huge for the Freedom Convoy. Hiding behind the *Emergencies Act* was an undemocratic way to act by the PM of Canada and all who supported the decision. He essentially refused to open a dialogue with his electors, the people he works with.
3. We, seniors, attended the Convoy in downtown Ottawa on several occasions. Why? Because both of us had to end 40+ years of teaching at the university level for refusing the covid protocol. We were not entitled to unemployment benefits for that decision (we have been paying for those our whole lives). We were unable to spend the Holidays with our children and travel. Because our life savings were threatened, we do not want our grandchildren to grow up subservient to a government on any level. We were bullied, denigrated by the government, and threatened to be denied health care and other 'privileges' which are, in fact, our rights.
4. In downtown Ottawa when the Freedom Convoy was here, we can say definitively that we have never witnessed such a discrepancy between what was happening on the ground and what was reported by our politicians and the media. Love, peace, goodwill, and a communal sense of peaceful protesting for freedom were the general atmosphere of the protests. They were the first smiles many of us had seen in months. Things didn't get ugly until the brutal international police forces arrived and violently quashed peaceful protests. We will never forget those scenes of our police and RCMP officers attacking peaceful Canadians, including war veterans. In the following months, even mainstream media had to retract allegations of violence from the Convoy made by our politicians, the media, and the Ottawa police were unproven. The true emergency was the measures the federal government employed via the *Emergencies Act* to violently stop a peaceful protest.

5. As a result of the PM and politicians calling the *Emergencies Act* and freezing people's bank accounts, we feel that fear has been instilled in Canadians, a fear that your opinions will be attacked if not in line with the government's and that you will be penalized.
6. There will be, for many Canadians, several long-lasting consequences to the declaration of the *Emergencies Act* in a context that did not warrant it.

Distrust in our government but also in our banking system.

Can we ever trust our banks not to divulge information and not fight for us? Canadians will have a more difficult time giving to charities, wondering if they will be spied on for encouraging various causes.

Distrust in our legal system.

Can we ever trust lawyers and a judge, such as Richard Wagner, who made their personal views of the Freedom Convoy public as opposed to standing for the Bill of Rights and Charter for all Canadians? Trust a system which sides with the government and not the citizens?

Distrust in our politicians, all levels.

The federal government did not provide true and satisfactory explanations as to why our current law enforcement tools were insufficient.

Distrust in our law enforcement officers.

Peaceful protesters were treated like criminals by the armed forces. What a shame to see the RCMP horses charge into a crowd of innocent people who had the right to protest peacefully. A veteran was pushed around by several officers, falling to the ground.

7. The *Emergencies Act* does not have a great track record on our country, as the previous *War Measures Act* was also abused in the past. Giving the federal cabinet authority to create new offences and give new powers to the police, without recourse to Parliament, without advance notice, and without public debate, is dangerous for our democracy.
8. Ultimately, the February 2022 Freedom Convoy protests were cleared using ordinary police powers. The invocation of the *Emergencies Act* was not absolutely necessary. The truckers had, in fact, agreed to leave the downtown core. The blockade in Windsor had ended. There was no violence on the part of the protesters. There was essentially no threat.
9. The *Emergencies Act* poses a risk of executive overreach, which we witnessed in Ottawa this year. There ought to be a process involving more than political parties, perhaps an independent structure whose members would not be appointed by the government and thus would not be influenced to decide for the sake of power. We need a structure to

protect all Canadians, our Bill and Charter of Rights. Canadians who may have opinions not pleasing to the government in power also have rights. Differing opinions do not mean terrorism! In our opinion, the *Emergencies Act* of 2022 was called to satisfy one's need for control and compliance with one ideology, not to protect Canadians.

Grace Taveres

Please provide your age and occupation:

Real Estate Sales Representative

Where do you live?

Mississauga

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

I'm a Canadian my parent immigrant from Portugal in the 60's, single, HETEROSEXUAL FEMALE

Tell us about yourself.

I'm a concerned citizen interested in ensuring that our elected officials are doing the will of the people. They are elected by the people to represent the people

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$1-\$25

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Heather Taylor

What is occupation:

Artisan

Where do you live?

London, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Born Canadian, white, woman, middle class, blue collar, former educator

Tell us about yourself.

My marriage had ended because of the stress of living under abusive govt overreach, my small artisan business had been destroyed because I was kicked out of stores & banned from markets. My son got a chemical burn on his face from a mask he was forced to wear, he was kicked out of college for being unvx, he lost his skilled trade training. We were terrorized, ostracized, my son was assaulted, we were shunned by friends & family because of the hate & division from our govt. My son's bf, my 'second son', was vx injured, myocarditis, and has a 50/50 chance of surviving the next 5 yrs. My son went from happy & motivated to angry & depressed. He lost everything that kids look forward to. He was untethered from society by our govt. After his mask injury I promised him he would never have to put anything on his body that he didn't want. I meant it. Bodily autonomy is everything. I will never understand the vile hatred we have endured - I will never be ok again. As a survivor of childhood horrors I have been retraumatized daily by men & mobs trying to control my body. They deliberately tried to make my life so miserable that I would surrender my body to them. That is predatory & sadistic & was sanctioned by my own govt. The convoy was hope. It was acknowledgment. We were seen & heard & finally someone was going to help us. Finally there was a way to make the pain & terror stop. I never imagined that our govt would refuse to stop torturing us, that they wouldn't stop hurting our kids. When the brutal crackdown happened, when nothing changed, my son lost all hope. I don't even recognize him anymore. The govt stole what should've been the best years of his life & instead our govt & msm abused him, our society abused him. He was a good boy, kind, funny, gentle. Now he's angry, aggressive & withdrawn. I don't know how to help him. I've lost everyone & everything in my life - all because I will not be bullied into surrendering my body. I cry every day. I used to love my life, had friends & fun & laughter. I will be forever grateful to the truckers that sacrificed so much & showed us we weren't alone.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present and provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Donated through Give Send Go and GoFundMe and in person at a truck stop & never got a refund from Give Send Go because the govt froze that money

How much did you donate?

25 - 100

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa. I believe in ending all the mandates. I believe the Government went too far, and to show my support. It was my way of participating in a legal protest

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Shane Taylor

What is your age and occupation?

47

Where do you live?

Alberta or New Brunswick

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Old Stock Canadian

Tell us about yourself.

Longstanding Christian and Honest Citizen who values family and community. Hard working and always gives back.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated by e-transfer

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Walt Tessling

Please provide your age and occupation:

67, Retired

Where do you live?

Harrow, ON

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Patriot, Christian, middle class male

Tell us about yourself.

Retired and moved to a farm to get away from the town/city

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present; Windsor protests

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Anti-Covid vaccine, Enough is enough, Government overreach

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates, I believe the Government went too far, and I could not travel to Ottawa

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Therese Theoret

Please provide your age and occupation:

66, No longer in Healthcare; now in Retail, Supervisor Manager

Where do you live?

Stratford, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

French Canadian, middle class, female, believer in Jesus/Yeshua

Tell us about yourself.

I love nature trails, walks, travelling planet earth, enjoying and learning about other cultures. I sing and play the guitar. I have a young kitty named Sapphire.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Louise Thomas

Please provide your age and occupation:

34, Quality Systems Coordinator

Where do you live?

Halifax

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Low-middle income, white woman, non-religious.

Tell us about yourself.

Mother of 3 young children, always kind to everyone and never wanted much except a family and happiness. Love being outside and taking the slow lane in life.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present and provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

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I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Sabrina Thompsett

What is your age and occupation:

36, Unemployed

Where do you live?

Manitoba

Tell us about yourself.

I had a good job as a warehouse manager until the government imposed unlawful and unscientific mandates to inject experimental drugs for a common cold-like flu. I refused. Spent 8 months in hell. Got fired. Now can't get employed due to companies still imposing mandates.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough. My daughter was being discriminated against, segregated, and bullied for maintaining bodily autonomy while continuing to remain healthy. I was too but going after my kid is the last straw for me.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

How much did you donate?

My time.

Why did you donate?

I did not donate, I attended.

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

Joined the convoy when it rolled through Manitoba and stayed until Tamara reached a deal that we would pull out - after the police raids, having snipers aim at us from rooftops, and police guns pointed at unarmed citizens/little children. Got back to Manitoba on Feb 14 and heard my fellow PEACEFUL protesters were now being physically attacked.

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Hopped in my dad's semi.

What was your role?

Protester

Did you donate food or supplies?

No, I donated my time, advertised for the event, and brought some food for us.

Did you come with your family?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Everything was peaceful and happy. It was almost like a huge Canada Day party... until Antifa and Trudeau decided to lie and attack peaceful people. The only hate I saw were from the overly scared leftist media-watchers who wore 5 masks at once and physically destroyed our property or attempted to attack peaceful protesters. There were all of 10 of them. Out of millions of peaceful protesters.

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

Some places allowed us but others were scared they would be reprimanded by the government.

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

Mostly within 4 blocks of parliament. Kent, Slater, Memorial.

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Yes. At first around the city to flow us all into a certain direction, avoiding clogging smaller streets. Later to try pushing us away from Parliament.

If yes, were you beaten by the police? (explain, snatched, zipped tied, driven away)

I was not there but I did watch many live videos from peaceful protesters being attacked.

What were the police wearing? What did they use to beat you? (rifle, stick etc.)

While I was there the officers were wearing their regular uniforms, vests, name tags, city/district identification. When I left, some were in riot gear, dressed in all black, and no name tags or identification of who they are or who they work for.

How did the government mandates affect you?

I lost my job, my daughter lost friends, I lost friends, family disowned me, my daughter had to go to remote learning for over a year, she wasn't allowed to play her sports, go to choir, go to birthday parties, or participate in indoor play. We battled depression, poverty, and were/are still constantly belittled, bullied, and verbally/physically attacked.

If you supported the protest, why?

This was all over a stupid cold. There is zero scientific evidence to prove otherwise. The "vaccine" does not work, has terrible adverse events, was not tested properly, and it's not even a proper vaccine. Changing the definitions of "vaccine" and "pandemic" doesn't change that. These mandates were nothing short of an evil attempt by our Federal Government to control the people and steal our money. Nuremberg 2.0 is required for the atrocities committed against healthy people.



Thank you for taking a stand with your bravery and leadership. Thank you for being the voice for Canadians. You have brought us hope in the middle of darkness. We are so grateful to you for standing up for our rights & freedoms and uniting us once again. Canadians are UNITING because of you! You have brought us to tears by restoring our faith in our country. The world is with you and watching with pride... stay strong. Thank you for stepping up and being our HERO's! There are not enough words to express all the gratitude we have. We have never been more proud to be Canadian.





Melanie Tiefenbach

What is your age and occupation:

51, Journalists

Where do you live?

Regina, Saskatchewan

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

3rd generation Can, Christian, upper middle class, married with children

Tell us about yourself.

Our household is traditional Canadian home, where my husband and I hold and practice traditional values. We are active in our church and as volunteers in our community. We have three teenaged children. We value hard work, commitment and engage in everything we do. For the duration of our lives, we have been proud Canadians, who believed that our country was one of the freest in the world. We travelled extensively as the proudest of Canadians. As young adults, proudly display Canadian patches on our duffle bags and as parents (travelling with our children), donning Canadian pins on our clothing. Then COVID hit and our eyes quickly opened to the deception that had become our reality. Our eyes opened to the non-sensical, non-scientific government over-reach from and media partnership. As our world evolved the following year, we were subjected to nothing but confusion: lockdowns that ebbed and flowed but nevertheless persisted; broken promises like volunteer vaccine "proddings" and mandated vaccine threats. Mandates that tore our larger family apart. Media that looped fear propaganda on their frenzied feeds: death and despair. We did our own research, we thought critically, we took a breath and we made our own, informed decisions based on real-world data, not hastened, government/media propaganda. Because of our decisions, the government locked us out of living life fully in a nation that is supposedly free! I was denied entry to our sons' sporting events, was not allowed to travel to visit my daughter's first year of university afar - she was forced by Bonnie Henry to take the jab or not attend university when she wasn't even a remote risk of bogging down our medical system due to contracting COVID. I was locked out of my gym, alienated by friends and family... the list goes on ad nauseam. We were even denied attending family Christmas events last year. Due to government and media collusion and indoctrination, we could not enter family houses unless we were double-vaccinated because our family feared we would kill them! Our friends lost their jobs because they made their own informed, medical decisions. From nurses, to doctors and many government and private industry employees, they lost their livelihoods because they chose to make their own medical decisions and didn't follow the government and media narrative. For a vaccine that I knew from almost the start (I did a deep dive of research) neither prevented transmission nor infection, never mind that was developed in an extremely short amount of time and only had Emergency Use Authorization; was a rubber-stamp to nowhere good. We felt alone and abandoned in our own hallowed country by our friends, family and trusted institutions. Our constitutional rights and freedoms disappeared in the blink of an eye. Did we ever have them? We wondered if anyone else questioned anything COVID but how could we know? The government cleverly separated us. Then, the truckers came. The truckers. The stalwart and brave truckers, who risked it all, to end it all. Never have we been more grateful and proud to be a Canadian than seeing those big rigs come out of nowhere, lighting up the frozen night sky in the thick of winter, as we hovered on overpasses and roadways, tens of thousands; seeing our first glimmer of hope out of this madness. The truckers. Ambassadors of freedom who so boldly stood up for our God-given rights and freedoms and said: "Enough is enough?". These brave men and women who risked it all to stand up for us. Then, these men and women arrived in Ottawa and stood in solidarity, joined by tens of thousands of other Canadians, all of them respecting the rule of law as they asked the government to listen to the voice of millions of Canadians who were shut out and deprived of everything because they exercised freedom of choice against the institution of COVID. Instead they were ignored, denigrated, despised and later

physically assaulted to a degree that still makes me shudder. They were our voice but when their voice got too loud or too persistent, they were shut down, brutally physically beaten, mistreated and violated by our supposed protectors ... the police and the government. I don't know when I will ever fully heal or trust the government I once fully believed in. Upon watching the innocent and lawful protesters in Ottawa (via independent media and podcasters - the truth-tellers) who were targeted and hit at close range by rubber bullets and tear gas, beaten by batons, kicked relentlessly, arms twisted in unimaginable contortions, insulted and browbeat by unidentifiable law enforcement and, the crescendo: a police officer on horseback, literally trampling three innocent people. I saw the videos from multiple angles. It is irrefutable. I recently spoke to an up-close witness who saw this all unfold. He has PTSD from what he experienced and witnessed those two fateful days. In the cold of winter and life, as these events unfolded before my eyes and ears, I felt as though I was watching news from communist North Korea or China. Instead it was Canada. This is not the Canada I want to live in. This is not the Canada I once knew and lauded. Justice needs to be served. Please, listen to Canadians and bring back our democracy our rights, our freedoms. Yours depends on this too.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Lisa Timmers

Please provide your age and occupation:

41, Administration Manager

Where do you live?

Watford, ON

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Culturally

Tell us about yourself.

Mother of 4, wife, daughter, sister, friend, loves love, loves laughter, loves freedom

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor and provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far and I believe in ending all the mandates

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

The first weekend for 3 days, 2 nights

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Warm clothes, hand and feet warmers, a flag on a broomstick, my whole heart

What was your role?

Just supporting the truckers and everyone there staying in their vehicles

Did you donate food or supplies?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

It was the most amazing experience. The vibe there was love, joy, togetherness, standing together for our freedom. Strangers hugging each other, high fiving all the way down the street. People stopping to say hi and thank you to strangers, people laughing, dancing, singing, chanting. Joy...just pure joy and honking

Where did you walk/drive? (Street name)

All of the streets in and around parliament hill. We stayed about 4 or 5 blocks away, but we walked for hours on Friday night and all-day Saturday and some on Sunday.

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Yes. We walked very far down on Wellington and there were some blockades there

How did the government mandates affect you?

I had to drop my boys off at the arena and sit outside while they got dressed on their own and I couldn't watch them play. Friends went out for dinner and I was not invited. I lost friends over it. I couldn't visit my Oma, who lost my Opa just before Covid hit. She was mourning her husband and had to deal with moving to a new home and on top of all of it, she couldn't have her family visit her. My heart ached for her. I felt discriminated against in places where I live and being from a small town everyone knew my own personal choice because these mandates were in place. It made me angry, scared, sad, frustrated, and at times very depressed.

If you supported the protest, why?

Because it gave me hope that we could have the Canada I love back. Because it was the first time in a long time I felt alive and hopeful and united and not alone. Because I didn't agree with the mandates. Because I believe in body autonomy and informed consent and peoples right to choose. Because I didn't agree with a segregated society.





IF STANDING UP
FOR OUR KIDS
BURNS A BRIDGE
I HAVE MATCHES



Jeremie Toussaint

Please provide your age and occupation:

29, Bricklayer

Where do you live?

Sherbrook, Quebec

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Hockey and freedom

Tell us about yourself.

Small and strong

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Cash

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Friends, family

What was your role?

Glow freedom

Did you come with your family?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Peace and love

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Yes, such a loss of freedom

If you supported the protest, why?

So things can change

Donna Tremblay

Please provide your age and occupation:

67, Retired

Where do you live?

Saskatchewan

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Female Canadian

Tell us about yourself.

I am a good university graduate. I have lived in 5 provinces and 1 territory of Canada. I have retired from owning and operating a small rural business. My spouse and I have run a grain farm for 40+ years.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough. Hopeful that someone might be successful in convincing the federal government that the present course of action is not in Canada's or Canadians' best interests.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Teena Troock

What is your age:

65

Where do you live?

Port Coquitlam, BC

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian

Tell us about yourself.

Born in Vancouver, worked and paid taxes all my life, my grandfather was in WWI, my Uncles WWII and my father fought in Korea. I absolutely believe 100% in our Charter of Rights and Freedoms and also in my own health autonomy.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough. The Government has absolutely no right to tell me what to inject in my body. Not even illegal drug dealers will tell someone WHAT to inject in their body!

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates, I believe the Government went too far, and I support the truckers in their fight to keep working! They are vital for our survival!

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No.

Tanya Trudzik

Please provide your occupation:

Homemaker

Where do you live?

Onoway

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

First nations

Tell us about yourself.

My mom was Cree and my father came to Canada from Poland when he was a child. Growing up in the 70s and 80s I hid the fact I was Indian. My father's parents homestead is still in our family. We lost our daughter 7 years ago and our 2 adult sons try their best to be good citizens. My husband is a welder and has worked in the oil and gas industry all his career. We are very disappointed in our leader and what he's done to this once great country. We will continue to vote as we hope for change. We hope we can leave this earth a better place for our grandkids.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I could not travel to Ottawa

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Christa Tyler

1. I am a Canadian. Born and raised in Canada. Canada was the land I loved. My husband and children are Canadian. We ended up moving to the States in 2013 for my husband to attend Seminary.
2. In 2016 we moved to a little town in Washington named Lynden. Lynden is a border town. Our home is 5 minutes from the Canadian border. My parents and most of my siblings lived 10 minutes from us, but in Canada. My husband's family lived 3 hours away from us in Kamloops, BC. We would see all of them all the time. I missed my home country but was so thankful to be so close.
3. Then comes 2020. The borders shut. We couldn't believe it. What did this mean for us? For our families? We tried crossing in May of 2020 and were super surprised to get through. The border agents at the Aldergrove 264th crossing didn't know what to do with us. But we were Canadian, so they let us in. We were thankful to once again have a meal with my parents and grieve the lost time we had with them since the shutdown in March.
4. Then came the next time we tried to cross. July 2020. This time was different. The agents at the 264th crossing were mean. They were rude. We were pulled in to secondary and read our riot act. We were told they couldn't deny us coming into Canada, but they would be fining us thousands of dollars per person. And the police would be showing up to my parent's house where they were going to be fined as well if we were to be found not obeying the rules that they were imposing on us. We left in tears, only to let them know we would be visiting with our family at the Peace Arch Park where we could still eat and sit with them. What was going on??
5. That was the last time we as a family entered Canada (I entered one more time with my husband in August for a doctor appointment only to be treated in horrific ways by the border guards at the Peace Arch Crossing).
6. We have missed years of birthdays, celebrations, babies being born, Christmas, Thanksgiving and the list could go on. My oldest has moved away to school, our parents couldn't properly say goodbye. My twins graduated. My family couldn't come and celebrate. I became so sick in June of 2020, and I attribute it directly to the stress that the border shutdowns caused in my life. We have endured thousands of dollars of bills because of this. I am still working on my health to this day.
7. The government cut us off from family, friends, and freedom. My parents ended up moving to Alberta to be with my other siblings, my brother and his wife and children moved, and my sister and her husband and kids also moved. So, I no longer have my immediate family

10 minutes from us. I have grieved hard all that the mandates, placed on us unlawfully by the Canadian government, have caused us to lose.

8. Our best friends live across the border in Canada. We have lost years with them. Our children were best friends. They have lost time and their close friendships. My one daughter went through a deep depression, where we were super concerned for her because of being cut off from our needed relationships. Relationships have been fractured. Families divided. Freedoms are gone. This must stop now. I have the right as a Canadian to freely travel into Canada without fear of what may become of us. Will we be financially ruined because of the restrictions the government tries to put in place that we should not have to follow?
9. Because I live in a border town, I see the families that are grieving the same as me. Loss of time that we can't get back. Who's going to pay for that? I also have a small business that has suffered because of the lockdowns. Since I can't cross freely into Canada, I've had to ship from the USA. My Canadian customers have almost stopped buying from me because shipping went up almost 1000%. I am bearing the weight of extra shipping to anyone who orders from Canada and the time it takes to ship has increased dramatically.
10. I wish I could explain in depth all the ways the lockdowns and mandates have truly affected our family.
11. Thank you Freedom Convey for fighting for us all! We support lifting (and getting rid of) ALL the mandates, stopping the overreach of the government, getting rid of the lockdowns.
12. The government is acting in a tyrannical way. They must pay for the havoc they have caused to Canadians. They do not have the best interest of Canada on their mind. No government should ever have this kind of control over their people. The government is supposed to work FOR their people, not against their people.

Teressa Vachon

1. The way the government's Covid mandates and lockdowns were "disruptive" to MY life, may differ from others.
2. First off, my husband and I are both on Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP). With the lockdowns it meant we were unable to access our doctors, medical tests and even get our medication at times.
3. We were unable to see and help our family. The worst of it though is financially. The cost of everything went up, shelves were cleared because of the fear mongering but our ODSP support payments never increased. We went without a LOT of things even food. It has been hard to make ends meet even before covid lockdowns, but not finding food and supplies that we needed during the lockdown was even worse. I have enough medical problems and medication going through my body. I have cancer and I have Crohn's disease as well as Behcet's disease. There is no way I am going to be forced to put something in my body.
4. I supported the Freedom Convoy calling on governments to end the mandates quite simply because the "vaccines" do not prevent me from contracting covid, nor do they prevent me from spreading it.
5. I am personally an introvert and hate having to go out in public. I had no issue with wearing masks and sanitizing that was MY choice. That does not mean that the government had the right to try and force something into my body against my wishes and then make it illegal from me from visiting my immediate family. This is cruel and inhumane.
6. People needed to rely on common sense. Unfortunately, during this time very few people had common sense.
7. I recently tested positive for Covid for the 1st time since all this started. Keep in mind I have no "covid vaccines". I have cancer and two different autoimmune diseases. I was sick for approximately three days during which I couldn't get out of bed. The migraine lasted longer and I still have a bit of a cough.
8. I believe that the government imposing the mandates and Emergencies Act was simply their way to control everyone and it was wrong. When the government tries to FORCE their will upon Canadians, they are just finding another way to divide us.
9. No one has the right to force me or my family to put something in our bodies that we do not want to.

Rebecca Van Der Post

What is your age and occupation:

57, PhD Student, former Concert Violinist

Where do you live?

Quebec

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Secular, middle-class, heterosexual, white, originally from the UK

Tell us about yourself.

I'm a former concert violinist who has performed all around the world, from an intellectual background (writers, journalists, engineers etc.) Happily married with one child. I returned to school after a shoulder injury and am now doing a Ph.D. in interdisciplinary humanities (continental philosophy, critical theory, political/anthropology). I am innately left leaning in my politics.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a Protestor

Why were you involved in the Protest?

Appalled by the flagrant disregard for Informed consent and absolutely disgusted by the misrepresentation and stereotyping of people who believe it to be of foundational importance in a humane, rational, and liberal society

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

I went on the first day only, for the afternoon/evening

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Nothing - well, actually, myself my husband and my daughter and warm clothing.

What was your role?

I had no role per se. We went initially with a view to Waving our support for the convoy. But were overwhelmed by the positivity and the sense that perhaps now there could be proper dialogue about basic rights, informed consent, and the appalling - and appallingly irrational - harms so many people were needlessly enduring.

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags, etc.)

Large numbers of very excited people - a lot of happiness - a lot of anger/frustration also expressed towards Trudeau and Legault - many people with posters/banners saying they were vaccinated but opposed to mandates - no violence, no obscenities, no aggression, no hostility, no signs of political/religious extremism - very positive overall - I should add that this is the only protest I have ever been to or participated in

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

No

How did the government mandates affect you?

Profoundly - but in a way My family and I were fortunate in that we did not lose our jobs, our income and so-on. But the psychological and emotional impact was immense, as the mandates were implemented within a broader structural framework of media and government statements, discussions etc in which we were vilified, demonized, ridiculed, - and at the same time denied all means of leaving a country in which we were feared, hated, resented and systematically excluded. My relationship with this country has been completely poisoned and I have absolutely no confidence whatsoever that the enormity of all that is at stake has been recognized by those at the helm. I do not imagine I will remain in Canada after my family and I have finished the things we are in the middle of right now.

If you supported the protest, why?

Because (after caring for a severely disabled parent for many years) I have come to believe that very little matters more than the absolute right of the individual to refuse, without prejudice, unwanted medical procedures; and since the establishment in this country has been utterly unwilling to stand up for and give voice to all that is at stake with the doctrine of informed consent I felt it was of utmost importance to support those who are.

Frederik Van Duyvenbode

Please provide your age and occupation:

80, Retired

Where do you live?

Toronto, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Caucasian, Catholic, Straight

Tell us about yourself.

Am outgoing and an active person; I believe every life matters.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, Enough is enough, and End mandates/End lockdowns

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Heather Van Eck

Please provide your age and occupation:

58, Occupational Therapist

Where do you live?

Leduc, Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian, Christian, female, heterosexual, middle-class.

Tell us about yourself.

Strong moral compass based on a biblical worldview, interested in hearing and understanding others.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Enough is enough, and Anti-Covid injection

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GiveSendGo

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates, I believe the Government went too far, and I could not travel to Ottawa

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Rhonda Van Gorp

Please provide your age and occupation:

49, Homemaker

Where do you live?

Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Middle class, Catholic

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

I was there the 1st weekend, the 3rd weekend and the last weekend

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What was your role?

Protestor with the crowds

Did you donate food or supplies?

No

Did you come with your family?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Love, inclusion, happiness, hope

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

We could not use public toilets, All public toilets were locked up,

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

So many streets I can't name them all. We covered miles, blocks upon blocks

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Yes. The 1st two times I was there the police were present but very friendly. The last weekend most of the police presence was on the offense. A very different vibe - almost scary.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

Yes

If yes, were you beaten by the police? (explain, snatched, zipped tied, driven away)

In a large crowd we were physically pushed back by the police.

How did the government mandates affect you?

Our freedoms were taken away. We were not allowed to interact socially. My family, my children were removed from all programs we participated in, everything we volunteered with. It was depressing, a very hard situation for us. We were called names and treated like garbage.

If you supported the protest, why?

We believe in independence and making our own choices. We don't need to be told what to do.

Linda Verishine

Please provide your age and occupation:

58, Administration

Where do you live?

Castlegar, British Columbia

Tell us about yourself.

I work very hard for too little, every time I get ahead by a bit, the gov't knocks me down with more rules and increasing taxes. Close to retirement and no \$\$\$ to retire on.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

How much did you donate?

\$1-\$25

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, I believe the Government went too far, and too many lies and no transparency by govt

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Suzanne Villeneuve

1. The PEACEFUL convoy instilled so much hope & unity for Canadians at a very low point in our history. It is very troubling to realize what our government is capable of.
2. Thank you to the truckers and the protestors in Ottawa for standing up for rights and freedoms in Canada.
3. Hold the line!! ❤️

Shawn Vucurevich

Please provide your occupation:

Self-Employed

Where do you live?

Lethbridge, Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

White married father.

Tell us about yourself.

Married father of 2 that supports my family by running my own business and working hard while not taking government handouts and paying more in tax than most people make.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Frank Walsh

Please provide your occupation:

Painter

Where do you live?

Surrey, British Columbia

Tell us about yourself.

Irish born, Canadian by choice

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I could not travel to Ottawa

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Amy Wangler

What is your age and occupation?

45, Family Business Owner

Where do you live?

Enderby, BC

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Caucasian, Christian, middle class

Tell us about yourself.

Mother of 3, married, family drilling business owner

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Provided financial support and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GiveSendGo

How much did you donate?

\$500+

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Loraine Watson

Please provide your age and occupation:

56, Produce/Customer Service

Where do you live?

British Columbia

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Proud Canadian, born & raised!

Tell us about yourself.

I'm a hard-working, frontline essential service worker! I've never stopped hugging people, being social distancing or wore a mask!

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present and supported from the overpass, in BC!

Why were you involved in the Protest?

I choose what goes in/on my body!! End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Prefer not to answer

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

L. White

What is your age and occupation?

Police Officer

Where do you live?

Central Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Straight white female raised Christian (now spiritual not religious)

Tell us about yourself.

I'm 45 trying for 6 years to become pregnant. Career focused on investigating sex offences and abuses of children.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor and as an observer

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

The first weekend

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Warm clothes and hope

What was your role?

To witness for myself

Did you donate food or supplies?

No. But I intended to if I returned

Did you come with your family?

No

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Clean streets. Hearts and peace signs drawn with fingers on salty police cars, indigenous drumming circles, multicultural, spirit of cooperation between crowds and police. People smiling and happy to be together

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

I returned to hotel when needed

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

Capital building. Wellington street

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

I saw cement blocks and police would advise how to get where we were going

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

No

How did the government mandates affect you?

I was destroyed. I was hesitant to take the job as I'm currently undergoing fertility treatment that I sold my house to afford. Obviously I was afraid I would lose my job. Instead I was forced to test, wear goggles and avoid common spaces. An otherwise very social creature, I was isolated and ostracized through what is already an incredibly lonely experience - miscarriage/fertility struggles. I considered suicide everyday between November and the convoy. I honestly felt that everything I was raised to believe was being taken away but I was the only one that recognized that was a problem. When I heard the horns of those trucks I cried. Finally SOMEONE was going to defend me from the onslaught of HATE my own government was encouraging against me.

If you supported the protest, why?

Because I have regarded the charter every day of my 20 year career to ensure that criminals rights were protected and observed. And yet suddenly I was being told to disregard the charter that had DEFINED my whole career as it was shoved aside in favour of a mandate. The supreme law of the land upstaged by the whim of politicians. I was deprived of the very rights I had always championed for others.

Serrina Whiteside

Please provide your age and occupation:

51, Maintenance Craft Person

Where do you live?

Malahat, BC

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Blue collar, heterosexual, Canadian-born woman

Tell us about yourself.

Military veteran, public servant. Proud Canadian (of country and flag) but severely disappointed in our current political position. Hard working, ethical, passionate believer in our *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present, Provided financial support, and communication and information support from afar

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated by e-transfer

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa, I believe in ending all the mandates, and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Candace Wieler

What is your age and occupation:

48, Graphic Designer

Where do you live?

Vancouver Island

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Born and raised in the heart of the prairies, where hard work, honor and integrity are important.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor, provided financial support, supported without being present, and as an observer

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated by e-transfer

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far and I believe in ending all the mandates. For two years we had no voice, so this was a way to speak up and stand up for ourselves.

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

Feb 1 - 7

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

A Canadian flag, a blanket and a change of clothes

What was your role?

A Canadian Citizen trying to restore the rights we should never have lost

Did you donate food or supplies?

Yes

Did you come with your family?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

It was the most beautiful experience of my life. There was nothing but love, unity and a renewed pride to be Canadian

Dorothy Jane (DJ) Wight

1. I would like to begin by thanking the Commission for this opportunity to share my views. I bring my comments to the Commission as someone "involved" both as an observer of protest activities across Canada in January and February 2022 and a supporter of the Freedom Convoy 2022 protest in Ottawa. As such, I was deeply and personally affected both by that protest and by the invoking of the *Emergencies Act* against it.
2. I am a single woman, 64 years old at the time I write this, a native-born Canadian citizen currently residing in the City of Ottawa in the Province of Ontario.
3. Before all else, the Freedom Convoy 2022 protest in Ottawa was a legitimate protest as provided for—at least in theory—under our Constitution.
4. However disruptive and traumatizing some residents of Ottawa's downtown core may have found it, that does not change the fact of its being legitimate as the biggest, most spontaneous, and broadly grassroots human rights protest in Canadian history. Perfect? No. But never an insurrection. As the convoy organizers speaking for it stated more than once, there was no intention to overthrow the government or to remove any elected official.
5. This protest was an unprecedented response to the unprecedented authoritarian overreach of both the Federal and provincial governments into abuse of citizens' fundamental rights and freedoms since the declaration of the COVID pandemic in 2020. Its focus was on calling for a clear plan to end all Federal and provincial COVID mandates, including the removal of vaccine passports and the ArriveCan digital tracking app. In the looser "street" consensus of participants, it was a call to end all mandates and restore Canadians' freedom of choice in making their own medical decisions, along with full rights to keep those decisions private.
6. The protesters who came to Ottawa had committed from the beginning to be peaceful, and they held to that commitment even when violence was brought against them.
7. In refusing to seek out protest leaders who had come in good faith, engage with them to explore who the protesters were and why they had come, and pursue a constructive dialogue with them, rather than pre-emptively dismissing them as a "small fringe minority...holding unacceptable views" the government was wrong.
8. Denying their rights as citizens to protest and to be heard—choosing instead to deny them any legitimacy and proceeding to condemn and vilify the entire movement as racists, misogynists, far-right extremists, white supremacists, swastika-waving [Nazis], violent insurrectionists and repeatedly, foreign-funded domestic terrorists bent on overthrowing the government—was wrong, and profoundly unCanadian.

9. The government's refusal to recognize that in the protest's continued peacefulness, there was ample evidence that the truckers had come in good faith to express Canadians' grievances was wrong.
10. Its equal refusal to recognize that in the unprecedented outpouring of so many ordinary citizens' love, gratitude, and support for the truckers, they had reason to understand how so many of us felt they were the last hope for representation of our needs and interests was equally wrong.
11. Invoking the *Emergencies Act* against the Freedom Convoy 2022 protest in Ottawa was an unwarranted response to a situation that could have been resolved by other means and was in progress towards being resolved by other means.
12. Eight months later, I still find it hard to sum up the impact of the next ten days while the *Act* was in force—particularly the *Economic Measures*—beyond calling it devastating. Terrifying, terrorizing. I might call ministers' messaging about the measures they were pursuing only inept—sloppy, lacking in clarity where it was needed, and profoundly disturbing in its delivery—but inescapably, for me, what they communicated most strongly was malevolence.
13. Two examples, both from February 17th were especially damaging.
14. First came a clip of an interview between Attorney General Lametti and Evan Solomon, in which he had been asked, "Who *should* be worried about having their accounts frozen?" To which Mr. Lametti replied:

"I think if you are a member of a pro-Trump movement who is donating hundreds of thousands of dollars, millions of dollars, to this kind of thing, then you ought to be worried,"
15. This was appalling. I could only read it as unscrupulous: an oblique, downright insanely accusative answer, evidently meant to inspire fear, and his tone bordered on flippant. Clearly this government wanted people to be afraid. Looking sideways in each direction and back over our shoulders in future, before even considering giving money to any cause the regime might even be able to *fantasize* as objectionable.
16. Later I would hear this exact same answer in response to an MP's question in the House of Commons about whether a frightened old man among his constituents—afraid he would soon have his bank account frozen for having donated \$50 through GiveSendGo—should fear. No reassurance at all to find oneself potentially at the mercy of anyone so freakishly judgemental.

17. Second, I was treated to Finance Minister Freeland's presentation for the day, and anyone reading this will have to forgive my failing to go back and trace through it second by second to confirm the exact context or the exact words she was speaking. I react to it much as to videos of the twin towers in New York falling back on September 11th, 2001. I flinch away, unable to stand facing it again.
18. The gist was her reporting what was being done to freeze people's bank accounts. It was still vague. The initial focus might be on convoy leaders and the truckers in downtown Ottawa, anyone with a vehicle that could be connected to the protest, but she had nothing to say about how fast that was proceeding or how wide the net was to be thrown. Still no information about what information was being used. Only that some accounts had been frozen, and more would be. That pursuit of anyone involved was going to go on for months. And reading her papers, she was grinning. And giggling. Clearly delighted, about how this was going to enable her persecuting and punishing—apparently everyone who'd donated \$20 or more.
19. For me, having donated \$100, this was like getting hit upside the head with a brick. The next coherent thought through my head was that if she was going after everyone who'd donated \$20 or more, what source was there likely to be for that, *other* than the hacked GiveSendGo data? Illegally obtained or not, was I about to trust this gleefully grinning, tittering horror to be ethical about anything that was so clearly delighting her? Well, obviously I would be sunk, having donated five times enough to get me hunted down.
20. In the face of such abuse, trust is no longer an option. It is erased, it is *gone*. Every hideous possibility becomes not only imaginable but must be weighted as probable. There are still plenty of days when it just makes me want to *run*—pack up and leave, sell everything, take every dollar I can scrape together, and flee to any place on Earth where I might hope to live feeling less controlled, less threatened, less continually at risk of ever more elaborate new mandates and restrictions binding me, and in less danger of finding my fundamental rights overridden by them, whenever any level of government decides to do it.
21. The violence this government progressed to in the next two days could only harden my reading of this as deliberate, which remains solid to this day.
22. For me, the most frightening thing about the use of this *Act* is that I have no certainty it could have been stopped by anything in law. In theory, the Senate had the power to refuse its ratification and might have done it. There have been rumours that Senators didn't support the invocation of the *Act* and that that fact being communicated to the Prime Minister may have been what led to its being revoked. I would like to believe that. But there's an equally credible story out there that its revoking may have had more to do with bankers reporting their systems being overwhelmed by demands from hundreds and

thousands of ordinary Canadians looking to pull out as much of their money in cash as fast as they could, and where possible, get it out of the country as fast as they could.

23. I suspect that, in the end, the requirement for this Commission to review whether or not this *Act* should have been invoked at all may be the only hope we have for this abuse being acknowledged. It must at least go down in history as a hideous misjudgement which must never be repeated.
24. Going forward, any institution that has supported the government in its actions must expect to be seen as complicit in the wrong it has done.
25. I have nothing left but disgust for state-funded media: all have earned my contempt as biased liars, shameless in amplifying government narratives.
26. My view of our financial institutions has also become deeply suspicious, making me unwilling to do any more business with them in future than I can't avoid. Now I know that any time police may tell banks or other financial service providers we are "designated persons", they are not only authorized to freeze all our financial assets and credit without warrant or warning, but may volunteer to violate all clients' financial privacy in a witch-hunt for additional candidates, I cannot feel safe doing business with them. It seems that even if we have any option to 'negotiate' our way out of such penalties in time to avoid financial ruin, we must expect that going forward, our records will remain marked, and our transactions may end up being monitored on a continuing basis.
27. For many Canadians now, our police are also not to be trusted. I don't personally agree with that. I'm confident there are still a great many decent and competent individuals serving in law enforcement across the country, and I have a lot of sympathy for the dangers, difficulties, and lack of support they often face. But I do understand others' fears have become a lot broader now, and as I don't plan to surrender my rights to express dissent through peaceful protest, I can't swear I'll never find myself sharing them.
28. I haven't much faith in our Charter these days, either. It has seemed for three years as though any level of government is free to override it on a whim, without anything resembling political or judicial opposition.
29. Knowing now that the government's decision to invoke the *Act* also involved overriding without consultation the plan for its de-escalation, which had been negotiated between the Mayor of Ottawa and Freedom Convoy 2022 leadership, there is no way for me to find any of this excusable. At a minimum, it represents a complete failure on the part of the government to engage in anything resembling proper dispute resolution.

30. Internationally, the truckers of Canada, those of the Ottawa Freedom Convoy, in particular, set a positive example for the world of how ordinary people could stand up and peacefully make too much noise to be ignored when faced with governments denying them and refusing to hear or address their concerns about pandemic restrictions with no end in sight. Their aims resonated with people worldwide who were feeling similarly abused, to a point where "Canadian style" convoy protests emulating ours erupted in nearly every country capable of mounting them. They are praised for bringing hope and inspiration wherever they are spoken of. As the expression of a broadly based grassroots movement, producing the largest human rights protest in Canadian history, the Freedom Convoy's drive to Ottawa promises to go down in world history as an epic story of civil disobedience.
31. In a good way, it has represented our strength, toughness, and competent practicality in taking on important things to see done. It represents our ability to carry projects through under the harshest physical conditions. It has also represented the kindness, generosity, and good humour we can bring to the effort.
32. I would also say that in the world court of public opinion, Canada now stands substantially disqualified as a free country. Still a vast, beautiful, resource-rich nation with what should be world-leading potential, but it's now understood as a country where if you protest anything, and the Prime Minister doesn't like your opinions or doesn't like you, you can have your bank account frozen. A country where police-state tactics are now an option for assaulting legitimate protesters. We've gone from being a country seen as run by an unserious fool to one in the grip of a vindictive, creepy and dangerous narcissist. An actual would-be dictator who runs around making speeches about how other countries should cherish democracy and civil rights while assaulting Canadians' freedoms at home.

Background: Why I was involved

33. When word of the convoy's progress towards Ottawa reached me the week of January 24th, 2022, it held out a possibility of hope for something that I had gone beyond being able to feel any hope for at that stage.
34. From August 2021, I felt I was watching a descent into hell on the part of our Federal and provincial governments and far too many of my fellow Canadians, against which I could have no hope of offering any effective resistance. I might protest in every way open to me! I could write to my MPP, my province's premier, my MP, government ministers, key members of the Opposition, provincial Senators, and newspapers, seek out the like-minded at rallies or meet and sign petitions online—but with no hope in the end, of anyone paying attention. Actively fearing that if anyone did, it could only be to chastise me as some kind of far-right extremist or selfish anti-vaxxer. Or apparently—if one listened to Prime Minister Trudeau—one of "those people" also to be dismissed as racist, misogynist, anti-progressive and anti-science, whose very right to be "tolerated" might soon be in jeopardy.

35. My problem was that by mid-August 2021 when I accepted my second AstraZeneca jab for my own reasons, I was becoming deeply uneasy about the intensity with which all COVID vaccines—and only COVID vaccines—were being promoted in this country.
36. I knew by then, tracking developments in the UK and other international research, that vaccinated people could still become infected with COVID, acquire as high or higher viral loads as unvaccinated ones, and transmit their infections as readily. Available vaccine products were simply not stopping transmission of the virus as had been hoped. Whatever individual benefits there might still *be* to being vaccinated, we were not going to vaccinate our way out of this pandemic.
37. By January 1st, 2022, I was beyond hope of effective protest. Almost every authoritarian measure that had been threatened had been implemented. Of those remaining, not only had nothing been ruled out, Federal mandates were being extended and made ever more strict. It seemed as though nothing any of us might do stood any chance, whatever, of ever bringing an end to the abuses of the relentless restrictions and mandates to which we were still subject. This even after they'd mostly been dispensed with by other G7 and Commonwealth countries, as ineffective and pointless.
38. So, when I first read online about the convoy coming, what I first felt was wonder, that anyone might have found a way to protest this, too big to be ignored. Wonder at its having been truckers first roused to action. First, against the new mandates being enforced on them, but following what coverage I could find, as every video showed more trucks, more people, more people with flags lining overpasses for hours in what couldn't have been colder weather, and crowds of all ages turning out at every stop to celebrate what they were doing, and offer every support they had to offer—this was speaking to all our interests. After six months of desperation, it held out at least a possibility of hope.
39. On January 26th, word reached me of Chris Garrah's "Adopt-A-Trucker" campaign on GiveSendGo. As a project to provide local logistical support, it read to me as a useful humanitarian operation worth supporting. So, on January 27th, I donated \$110 through GiveSendGo: \$100 to the campaign and \$10 for processing costs.

On The Ground: What I experienced

40. Saturday, January 29th, 2022, I made my first visit to Wellington Street. I wasn't entirely without apprehension about it, but I also felt strongly that it was important to go see for myself what was going on.
41. This was crucially because, following the Prime Minister's address on January 26th dismissing the protest as that of a "small fringe minority...holding unacceptable views", the

focus of mainstream media was already clearly on playing up any negative incidents or reactions they could find, and blowing these up as large as possible, into generalized smears of racism, far-right extremism, insurrectionist ambitions and violence, directed against everyone involved. I also expected they would be able to find at least some material to work with. Given the sheer size of the convoy and the speed with which it had grown from all directions as it came, there seemed no hope it would not have attracted at least a few genuinely "fringe" individuals along the way—people its leadership would not necessarily be able to anticipate and might not be able to keep from either acting or expressing their views to the discredit of the majority. I felt it was important to make my own assessment of who and what, in the main, the protest had ended up representing.

42. Walking the length of the encampment on Wellington St. that day, from east to west and back, I was almost immediately at peace with what I saw. I grant it was noisy! Horns were blowing continuously, and I was certain this could be no joy for anyone living within earshot. That part of it, it seemed to me, must end quickly, or it would destroy any goodwill in the neighbourhood. But that wasn't going to happen that day. At the moment, it read as a raucous celebration of having arrived that wasn't about to be denied. It also didn't deter the thousands of ordinary people who came to witness it.
43. Crowds were thick everywhere I walked along Wellington Street and on the grounds of Parliament Hill. I saw lots of happy people of all ages and races, lots of families with small children, at least two groups of native drummers, and more Canadian and Quebec flags than I've ever seen together anywhere for an event. The whole thing had more the air of an exuberant winter festival than anything else. People were lining up to thank the truckers for coming, sharing stories about where they were from, hugging each other, talking animatedly about their experiences during the pandemic, and their hopes that all mandates might end.
44. The disposition of trucks and other convoy vehicles was orderly, lined up in three lanes along the street, and the fourth lane was left clear for traffic. Sidewalks and intersections were also clear. There was a lot of police around, patrolling in groups or standing by observing what was going on, but they also seemed at ease with the situation: as I observed it, this was a peaceful and lawful protest. I saw nothing resembling violence or criminal activity involving convoy members or supporters. Moving through the crowd as an older woman using a staff, I also found everyone to be respectful and generous in helping me cope with the churned-up snow then covering the north Wellington sidewalk.
45. What put me at peace with it all was my immediate and powerful sense, as I walked that line of trucks, that *I knew these people*. I've knocked around some very out of the way places, with a lot of rough, tough, working-class people—about whom I've now seen comments in the independent press, to say that 'civilized' people, especially political elites, don't know them and don't want to, tend to feel repelled and disdainful about, and at the

bottom, may fear. And yeah, I sort of get that. Often such people are strong stuff. They can be unnerving when they get loud, plain-spoken, and crude about anything. But they're also the backbone of this country. The ordinary working people who step up and make real things happen, who have been doing so consistently throughout the pandemic, and in my whole life, the crucial thing they've also tended to be, is profoundly decent. As a rule, *not* violent.

46. I went home that day without concern about any violence being offered from this protest. It was too clear in how broad a cross-section of Canadians had come together among the truckers, in their spontaneity and warmth between each other, and between them and that greater, even more diverse mass of ordinary people who had gathered to pour out their thanks and support, that this was no insurrection. It was there to stand for all our hopes of seeing an ending to the excesses of two years' worth of COVID restrictions.

Zephrine Willett

What is your age and occupation?

34, Personal Support Worker

Where do you live?

Hamilton, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Straight

Tell us about yourself.

I'm a mom of 2 girls 9 and 16 I'm all about our God given rights of free will

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GiveSendGo

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates and I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

The first weekends and the second weekend stayed all weekend

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

My family, children and my sister and her children

What was your role?

To be part of the peaceful protest to end the vaccine mandates

Did you donate food or supplies?

No

Did you come with your family?

Yes

Were you ever threatened by social services to have your children removed?

No

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Love , compassion, peaceful, hope, caring helpful amazing experience felt like there was gonna be real change felt hopeful

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

No

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

All streets where the trucks were

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

The second weekend we couldn't use the same hotels or parking lots police had them blocked off the Marriott

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

No

What were the police wearing? What did they use to beat you? (rifle, stick etc.)

I watched live and they were wearing uniforms with no badge numbers

How did the government mandates affect you?

I'm still on unpaid leave of absence since Oct 12 2021 from my psw job in Itc

If you supported the protest, why?

For our rights back to choose if we want a vaccine or not and to end the lockdowns and restrictions

Herman Wilz

What is your age and occupation?

55, Farmer

Where do you live?

Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Male

Tell us about yourself.

Freedom lover. Responsible Capitalist

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer and supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GiveSendGo

How much did you donate?

\$500+

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

The last Weekend before crackdowns. 2days

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

Did you donate food or supplies?

No

Did you come with your family?

Yes

Were you ever threatened by social services to have your children removed?

No

Were you ever threatened that your dog would be put down?

No

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Peace. Love. Free food. Very uplifting experience

Were you unable to use public toilets and why?

No Access

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

Downtown. Parliament hill

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Yes.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

No

How did the government mandates affect you?

Financially

If you supported the protest, why?

Government overspenditure. Fake. Pandemic

Lisa Wilz

Please provide your age and occupation:

55, Accountant

Where do you live?

Wellesley, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

I am an immigrant from Germany and moved here to marry a Canadian. I believe in self-determination, medically and religiously. I am female and middle class with a farming background.

Tell us about yourself.

I am looking for centrist attitudes in my political orientation. I detest extremism and support progress while holding on to some values that my parents and elders taught me. Work first, reward later. Always show gratitude. I supported the Green Party as I care deeply about the environment. Then they self destructed federally and the Prime Minister labelled me without knowing because I insist on my right to self determination. Mr.Trudeau evoked strong feelings of anger and disrespect in me through his actions and public statements. I am strongly opposed to him continuing to lead this country.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor and provided financial support

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$500+

Why did you donate?

I was delighted to fund fuel, food, other supplies for the truckers who showed all of us hope, brought people out of their homes, showed us that we were not alone. It was exhilarating to be part of a peaceful demonstration.

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

We attended Feb 11/12/13

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Us, our dog, flags, warm clothes. We drove in our camper and slept in a park. It was cold but we were happy to be there.

What was your role?

Protester in front of parliament hill. No assigned role, just wanted to be a part of the protests, meet the truckers and other protestors and thank them for bringing us out and together.

Did you donate food or supplies?

We did not bring food or supplies as we did not know any of the organizers. But we were offered food from the booths set up on Wellington. Freedom soup. It was delicious.

Did you come with your family?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Festive, happy atmosphere. Love and support from other protestors, happy to meet individuals with the same take on government overreach throughout the COVID pandemic. We met truckers and other protestors and only had pleasant experiences. We were encouraged to see so many people. We were proud to be part of the fringe minority that was not all that small.

Where did you walk/drive? (Street name)

Wellington, Elgin, Metcalfe area

Did you see police blockades? Please describe when and where.

Yes, on all streets. We could only drive as close as Slater/Elgin and then walked the area from there. Most streets leading to parliament hill were closed off by concrete barriers or police cars.

Were you at the Protest on February 18 and 19?

No

How did the government mandates affect you?

I am not vaccinated and have been shut out by friends, restaurants, museums, cinemas, my favourite cooking school, restricted in enjoying all outdoor hiking and trails. Not allowed in. As an immigrant without family in Canada I was not able to visit my sisters and their children in Germany. I feared I would never see them again. I have not lost my job but did not want to disclose my vaccination status for fear of being punished by either having to work from home all the time or having to participate in daily testing regimes where colleagues did not have to. I felt strongly that everyone should test. The freezing of the bank accounts for donors to the convoy shocked me as my name is also on bank accounts for my employer. Would they fire me if all accounts with my name associated were frozen?

If you supported the protest, why?

I have included this in the questions before. But I felt attacked by the Prime Minister and his vindictive attitude towards the unvaccinated. He questioned tolerance against people who disagree with his mandates. I felt that without protesting he would feel encouraged to put the unvaccinated into concentration camps and ship them off to another place. The outlook seemed very dark and a message had to be delivered without assuming his tone and style. Love and peace was and is on the side of the victims.



George Wipf

What is your age and occupation:

53, Trucker

Where do you live?

Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Hard-working Canadian male

Tell us about yourself.

I don't like handouts. I like to work hard and I like to be free.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer

Why were you involved in the Protest?

Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I did donate

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I could not travel to Ottawa

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Trina Wolanuk

1. The covid mandates caused my family a great deal of trauma.
2. My husband and I have 4 sons, 24, 22, and 20-year-old twins. We all made the decision not to get vaccinated based on a number of issues.
3. This decision resulted in 2 of my son's losing their jobs in a trade they had their heart set on. The mandates caused another son to have to quit post-secondary and completely change his profession.
4. One of our 20-year-olds went to NAIT for 8 weeks and had to be tested twice a week paying \$40.00 a test. He had to spend about 60 hours writing letters, researching, and providing evidence to allow him to continue school at NAIT without being vaccinated. He paid for an antibody test which showed extremely high antibodies since he had covid.
5. Every day he went into class he had to pull up the NAIT covid app, it would display green that allowed him to go into class or red that wouldn't. He experienced a great deal of stress not knowing some days if the test he sent in would be looked at and his app updated on time for his class. He experienced an instructor who made it clear that unvaccinated were not wanted in the class and listened to a number of people talking about the unvaccinated the way Trudeau did, in a very derogatory way. The NAIT experience was horrible. After asking for an exemption, he was denied.
6. My 19-year-old had to go through a meeting on zoom, providing his evidence, answering extremely private and confidential questions that embarrassed him. He was not able to concentrate on his studies, his time was consumed with defending himself. He ended up being told near the end of the course that they would allow him to finish. By this time, he was so stressed out and had got behind in couple classes and didn't pass the course.
7. My father was diagnosed with cancer during covid. He was treated horrifically because he was not vaccinated. He was denied medical services. He had to write letters and make many calls to get blood tests and a chest x ray. He died within 5 months of diagnosis. Our medical system stripped him of his dignity due to government mandates and fear mongering.
8. Friends and family alienated our family because of the mandates and fear mongering by our government. The restrictions caused alienation, depression and hopelessness.
9. I do not feel safe under this government. There is zero accountability. It is very deceitful to its citizens.

10. I drove from Alberta to Ottawa to support the truckers and freedom. I have no trust in the government whatsoever with their blatant lies about the freedom convoy and vaccines. I was there, it was incredibly peaceful and beautiful.
11. For the first time in my life I am scared for our future. The trauma our government has caused with the mandates and fear mongering, the outright lies and deception are frightening, unacceptable and have caused extreme damage emotionally, financially and psychological.
12. The government destroyed livelihoods, families, friendships, and has prevented loved ones from traveling to be together, prevented loved ones from supporting one another in death and illness.
13. What our government has done is horrific.

Hilary Wolgram

Please provide your age and occupation:

59, Administration

Where do you live?

Vernon, British Columbia

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian, female, upper middle class.

Tell us about yourself.

I was appalled when vaccines were mandated, that people lost their jobs, were ostracized, that our Prime Minister said we shouldn't tolerate them. I was vaccinated but I believe it should have been given a choice. I felt coerced into getting it. That was wrong. I've watched our liberties being taken from us. Locking down small businesses but letting big box stores operate as usual - it was all wrong.

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Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$100-\$500

Why did you donate?

I believe the Government went too far and I believe in ending all the mandates

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Jeanette Wightman

What is your age and occupation:

48, Used to be Purchasing Manager

Where do you live?

Medicine Hat, Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Nonregistered Metis but I don't think that is important. I was born here so that makes me Canadian regardless of race, creed or colour.

Tell us about yourself.

I'm a married mom of two, now grown boys. I have some college education. I came from a middle-class family who came from poorer beginning but worked to improve their life. I've worked since I was 15. I became a single mom at 20 and have worked my but off to get out of working under the poverty level. I worked my way into a management position for a local manufacturing company. I received my promotion in 2015 and worked very hard until I was deemed no longer qualified in the fall of 2021 due to my medical choices.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as an observer. I drove to Ottawa after the protest started. I couldn't believe what was happening in my country and needed to go and observe for myself

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough. I felt forcing people to take a shot by that hasn't been through proper testing was wrong

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Yes, I donated through GoFundMe

How much did you donate?

\$25-\$100

Why did you donate?

I believe in ending all the mandates, I believe the Government went too far, and I supported what the convoy represented

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

I unfortunately got there the day after they cleared the area. I was so sickened to see those "police" or military personnel enforcing the emergency act. I was no longer in Canada I felt like I was in some sort of soviet state from before the collapse of the USSR.

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Not much but hope. I had good winter gear, had made some end the mandates signs.

What was your role?

I wanted to participate in the protest, but ended up being an observer of more government overreach and a tourist since this was my first time to Ottawa

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

I can't remember the names of the streets but my hotel was just two blocks from the parliament building. I couldn't get near it since it was fenced off by then.

How did the government mandates affect you?

My youngest son was graduating high school in 2020. He didn't deal well with the lock downs and the only reason he graduated is because they cancelled exams and just passed everyone. He suffered and is still dealing with depression and anxiety and was having suicidal thoughts. My oldest son was let go from his job when everything shut down and suffered extreme depression and suicidal thoughts. My husband works for the Federal government out at CFB Suffield he fortunately got to keep getting paid but had to stay home for months. I, on the other hand, was in charge of purchasing. I kept a manufacturing plant running during the pandemic. We were facing major supply shortages and lead times on product went from 1 week out to 6 weeks with no notice. There were some that went out as far as three months. I was way over worked and was very stressed about keeping up to 200 people working during this difficult time but I managed to do it. We did not have to shut down once due to lack of material. I think we may have been the only plant in our company to not shut down due to supply shortages. There are 5 plants in our company in Canada.

If you supported the protest, why?

I kept my production plant running through the whole pandemic only to be told I was no longer qualified because I didn't want to take the experimental vaccine. It was Trudeau's rhetoric that drove this craziness. The policy of not being able to get in a plane is what put the nail in my career. The VP of champion Canada thought he would use that to force his managers to get the vaccine. You see, because I couldn't travel, I was no longer qualified to be a manager. By the way, I had only ever traveled once in my career as purchasing manager and that was a self-driven trip to Saskatoon. He even went as far as to plan a management meeting in one of our BC plants in December of 2021 to force anyone holding out to get the shot. I'm the only one who didn't cave. He even implemented a proof of vaccination for people visiting other plants. So, if I had driven to the meeting, he wouldn't have let me in the building to attend and then he said he would have just cause to fire me. For not completing duties required of me.





Richard Yeo

What is your age and occupation?

47, Ontario Works

Where do you live?

Oshawa, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Canadian

Tell us about yourself.

I'm me

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No

Annemarie Zarubiak-Den Bak

What is your age and occupation:

58, Grocery Clerk

Where do you live?

Port Colborne, Ontario

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Christian working middle class citizen

Tell us about yourself.

58. Wife mother of 3 stepmother of 3 grandmother of 8. Owner/operator of small business and grocery clerk

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Yes, as a protestor

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and Enough is enough

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

Yes

What day(s) did you attend and for how long?

Day of arrival for 3 days. 3 weeks later for 3 days and again with the vets for 2 days

How did you get to the Protest?

Drove

What did you bring?

Clothing and supplies for self

What was your role?

Protester

Did you donate food or supplies?

No

Did you come with your family?

Yes

What did you see/what were your experiences at the protest? (peace, hate, flags etc)

Peace love flags people supporting each other

Where did you walk/drive ? (Street name)

Walked all around Parliament Hill.

How did the government mandates affect you?

Not allowed to travel, shop, eat in restaurants. My small business was shut down for 2 years.

If you supported the protest, why?

Government controlled us like a communist country and took away me freedoms to work, shop, visit, travel

Tiffany Zurkan

Please provide your age and occupation:

42, Unemployed

Where do you live?

Calgary, Alberta

How would you describe your Canadian identity? (Culturally, religiously, class, sexual orientation etc.)

Caucasian, middle class, married.

Tell us about yourself.

Unemployed due to vaccine mandates.

Do you agree to disclose your statement publicly?

Yes

Were you involved in the Protest activities in Ottawa in January and February 2022?

Supported without being present and as an observer

Why were you involved in the Protest?

End mandates/End lockdowns, Government overreach, Anti-Covid vaccine, and enough is enough.

Did you donate to the Convoy?

No, I did not donate

Did you attend the Ottawa Protest in person?

No